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P R E F A C E.

THE object of this work is not to afford a general survey of the Middle English dialects in their different periods, but rather to lay a firm foundation for such a survey by giving extracts from the two oldest texts which have been handed down in consistent, contemporary spellings representing pure and fixed dialects, one dialect being the direct descendant of the classical West Saxon of Alfred and Ælfric, the other the nearly direct ancestor of Modern English. The spellings of the MSS. have been preserved unchanged, or else given at the foot of the page, but diacritics have been added as guides to the quantity and quality of those sounds which are imperfectly distinguished in the MSS. The grammar and glossary are based entirely on the extracts, all comparison of the other M. E. dialects and periods being rigorously excluded, the two texts being also kept apart as much as possible.

Although I think it a great mistake to begin the study of M. E. without a previous elementary knowledge of Old E., such as may easily be acquired with the help of my *Anglo-Saxon Primer*, I have nevertheless adapted this work to the requirements of those who may take it up without any such preparation. These students will find it advisable to begin with the *Ormulum* instead of the *Ancren Riwe*.

The texts are based on the editions of Morton¹ and White², together with the collations of Kölbing in the *Englische Studien* (vol. i. p. 1 foll.) and the *Jahrbücher für romanische und englische sprache und litteratur* (xv. p. 180 foll.). I have followed Morton in basing my text on the MS. Cott. Nero A. 14, as being the only one in a pure Southern dialect, and am quite unable to agree with the objections raised to Morton's choice by Kölbing and others. The Cambridge Corpus MS. not only shows the influence of a Midland dialect, but gives (as far as I can judge at present) a much less accurate text than the Nero MS.

It must be understood that this first attempt consistently to mark the quality and quantity of the vowels in M. E. is only a tentative one, especially as regards the quantity. I am now inclined to mark the vowels in *-liche, wel, zet* (adv.), *lüt, lütel* as long, and to assume short vowels before certain consonant-combinations in the A. R., but have not been able to investigate the question fully as yet.

The extracts have been carefully chosen not only from a linguistic, but also from a literary and social-historical point of view. The student who has carefully worked through them will hardly need to be told that the A. R. is one of the most perfect models of simple, natural, eloquent prose in our language; without it indeed, the history of English prose from the close of the Old E. period down to the beginning of the seventeenth century would be little more than a dreary

¹ The *Ancren Riwe*, edited by James Morton. London: Camden Society, 1853.

² The *Ormulum*, with the notes and glossary of Dr. R. M. White, edited by Rev. R. Holt. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1878.

blank. As a picture of contemporary life, manners, and feeling it cannot be over-estimated. The passage (p. 36) in which Christ is described as a Norman knight in homeliest English phrase is alone enough to give a vivid idea of that fusion of English and French traditions and sentiments which—in spite of *Ivanhoe*—was almost completely carried out by the beginning of the thirteenth century. The conclusion (p. 39) of the allegory of Christ's wooing of the soul is, on the other hand, thoroughly Old English in its combined picturesqueness and grandeur (comp. especially l. 26 foll.). Thoroughly English, too, though in a totally different way, is the humorous description of the troubles of the nun with her cow (p. 41): how she curses when the cow is impounded, and yet has to pay the damages. Equally good is the description of the chattering nun (p. 19), and the comparison of her to a cackling hen. This, and many other passages, may be read with profit as well as amusement even at the present day.

Of the literary merits of the *Ormulum* little can be said, for it has none whatever. The author was, in fact, a spelling-reformer and philologist who mistook his vocation. The Old E. picturesqueness and power disappears entirely from his verse together with the traditional alliteration, and the only compensation is a dry, practical directness of style and metre which is anything but poetical. The only passage in our extracts that shows any trace of poetry is, perhaps, the description of the lamb (p. 68).

In conclusion, I have to express the wish that those who make use of this book either as teachers or students will kindly favour me with such corrections, additions, and

criticisms as I can utilize in the event of a second edition being called for. As I have never had any opportunity of teaching English systematically, I am obliged to rely mainly on the experience of others.

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ADDITIONS.

Page 2, line 8, *y* has the value of *i*.

l. 24. Short *e* was probably lengthened before certain consonant combinations (p. 6), as in *ēnde* 'end'; the resulting long vowel, which was distinct from *ē* (being less broad) is denoted by italic *ē* in the extracts and glossary.

p. 3, ll. 1, 3. Add the diphthongs *ēu*, *ēou*, as *unþeauwes* 'vices,' *trēou* 'tree.'

p. 8, l. 28. Add *wümmen* 'woman,' plur. *wümmen*.

p. 10, l. 3. *rūh* 'rough,' inflects *rūwe*.

p. 44, l. 33. *j* has the sound of our consonant *y*, as in *Jūdissk* 'Jewish.'

ERRATA.

Page 1 line 4 *for twelfth read* thirteenth.

„ 3 „ 23 „ long „ with long *n*.

„ 37 „ 14 „ acwiten „ acwiten.

„ 47 „ 12 „ forþedd „ forþedd.

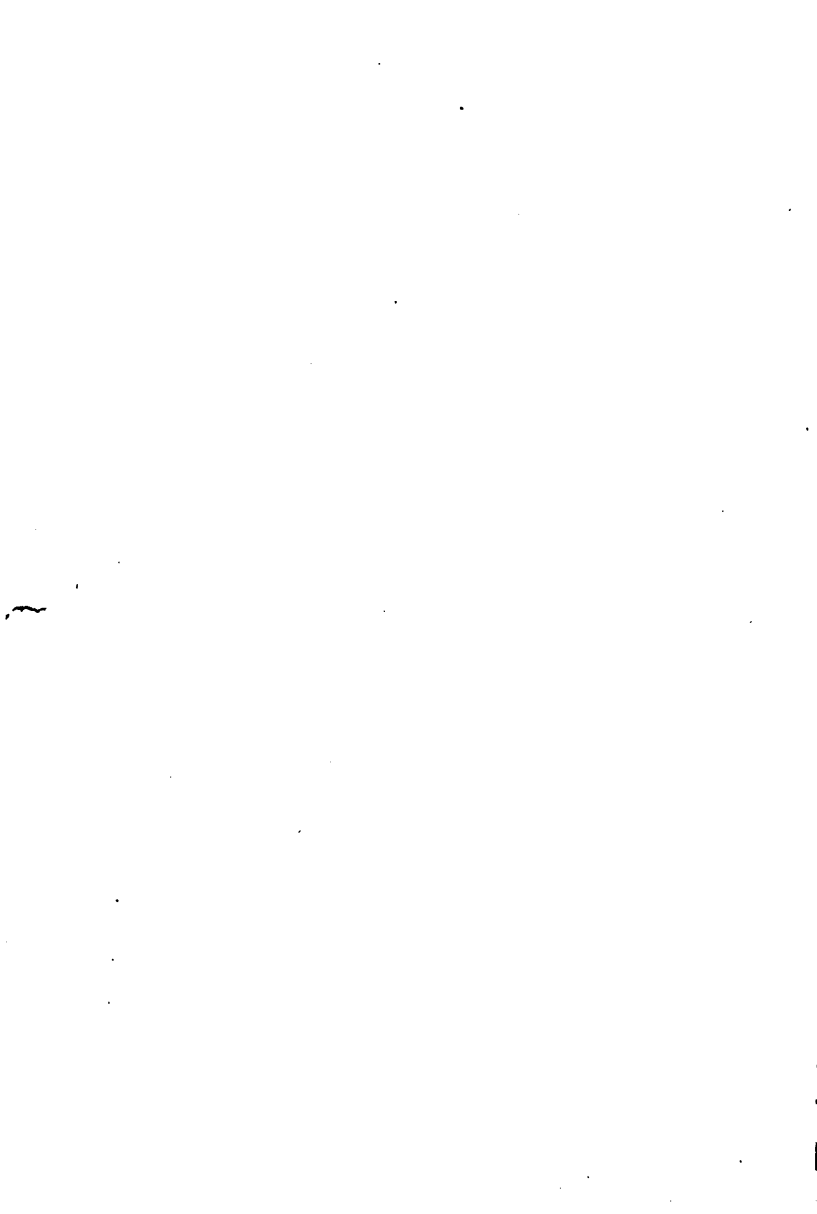
14 „ lāre „ lāre.

„ 48 „ 25 „ forþedd „ forþedd.

44 „ rīme „ rīme.

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ANCREN RIWLE.

(Southern Dialect.)

GRAMMAR.

THE Early Middle English of the beginning of the ^{twelfth} century was spoken, like Old English, in four chief dialects, the *Northumbrian*, *Midland*, *Southern*, and *Kentish*. The Southern (strictly South-Western) dialect of the Ancren Riwe, probably that of Dorsetshire, represents geographically the Old West-Saxon, and especially the Late West-Saxon of Ælfric. In its sounds, however, it is a mixed dialect, showing strong Midland influence.

The most important change that took place in M. E. was the levelling of the old inflectional vowels under *e*, which led to a partial break-up of the O. E. inflectional system. These changes were no doubt accelerated by the Danish and Norman conquests, which also introduced many Norse and French words into the language.

SPELLING.

The influence of French spelling begins to show itself almost before the Conquest. In the A. R. it is strongly marked. We find the sound of O. E. *y* expressed by the French *u*, that of *f* by *v*, guttural and palatal *c* distinguished as *k* and *ch*—all French influence, which also caused the dis-

use of the O.E. *æ*. The general result of all this was, that M.E. spelling became more and more ambiguous and unphonetic, although the spelling of the A.R. is much less unphonetic than that of Chaucer. The following are the letters and digraphs (denoting simple sounds) used in the MS. of the A.R.: *a, b, c, ch, d, ð, e, ea, eo, f, g, ȝ, h, i, k, l, m, n, o, oa, p, qu* (rare), *r, s, sc, sch, t, þ, u, ui, v, w, x, y* (rare), *z* (rare). In this book the spelling of the early thirteenth-century MS. is kept unaltered, except that where *v* is used to denote a vowel it is written *u*, and where *i* and *u* are used to denote consonants they are written *j* and *v* respectively, and that *þ* is printed uniformly both for the *þ* and *ð* of the MS., which employs both of them indiscriminately. Diacritical marks have also been added to some of the letters to distinguish their sounds, giving the following additional letters: *ē, ȝ, ū, ġ*, long vowels being marked (^ˉ).

The following table will show the probable pronunciation of the vowels and diphthongs:—

a	al (<i>all</i>)	as in	father (<i>but short</i>)
ā	dāme (<i>lady</i>)	„	father
ai	dai (<i>day</i>)	„	my (<i>but broader</i>)
au	drauhþ (<i>draws</i>)	„	now (<i>but broader</i>)
e	men (<i>men</i>)	„	men
	stille ¹ (<i>still</i>)	„	father
ē	ēfter (<i>after</i>)	„	man
ē	dēd (<i>deed</i>)	„	see (<i>German</i>)
ē, ea	lēren, learen (<i>teach</i>)	„	there
ei	eie (<i>fear</i>)	„	way (<i>but broader</i>)
ei	mēi (<i>may</i>)		
ōi	ēie (<i>eye</i>)		way

¹ Unaccented.

ēi	ēi (<i>egg</i>)	
eo	ȝeove (<i>gift</i>)	„ peur (<i>French, but short</i>)
ēo	vēond (<i>fiend</i>)	„ peu (<i>French</i>)
i	sitten (<i>sit</i>)	„ sit
ī	wīn (<i>wine</i>)	„ ween
o	hope (<i>hope</i>)	„ hop
ō	bōc (<i>book</i>)	„ sohn (<i>German</i>)
ō, oa	mōre, moare (<i>more</i>)	„ more
oi	noise (<i>noise</i>)	„ noise
ou	wrouhte (<i>wrought</i>)	„ no (<i>but broader</i>)
ōu	wōuh (<i>perverse</i>)	„ no
ōu	ōuh (<i>ought</i>)	
u	sunne (<i>sun</i>)	„ full
ū	ūt (<i>out</i>)	„ fool
ū	sūnne (<i>sin</i>)	(= <i>short ū</i>)
ū, ui	hūren, hui ren (<i>hire</i>)	„ lune (<i>French</i>)

As regards the consonants, it is necessary to pronounce the double ones really double, as in E. 'penknife,' distinguished from 'penny' = respectively *pennaif*, *peni*. So in M. E. *sunne* 'sun' must be distinguished from *sune* 'son.'

The O. E. distinction between double and single final consonants was lost in M. E., O. E. *in* and *inn* being both written *in*, and pronounced long; as in Mod. E.

The following consonants require special notice.

s, *þ* and *f* had the voiced sounds, *z*, *dh*, *v*, initially and finally, except, of course, in such combinations as *st*, *ft*, &c., and in *ss*, *ff* (*þþ* in *wreþþe* 'wroth,' was probably voiced). *v* is always written for voiced *f* medially, and often also initially, as in *heovene* 'heaven,' *forþ*, *vorþ* 'forth.' Finally *f* is always written, as in *lif* 'life,' to prevent confusion with the vowel *u*. In words of French origin *s* and *f* probably had their present sounds, as in *servise* 'service,' pronounced

servize, *fēste* 'feast.' *z* is only written in French words, such as *avez* 'aves' (plur.), where it had the sound of *z*. In *salūz* 'salvation' it probably had the sound of *ts*. *sc* was used for *ss* not only in French words, such as *lescūn* 'lesson,' but also in E. ones, such as *blescien* 'bless,' *bliscien* 'gladden.' *sch* had the sound of *sh*, *sche* being written for it in *scheort* 'short,' *scheomeful* 'shameful.'

h had the sound of Germ. *ch* in *ach* everywhere except initially, as in *drauhþ*, *wōuh*; after a palatal vowel (*e*, *i*) it probably had that of *ch* in G. *ich*, as in *hēih* 'high.' *ch* had, no doubt, nearly if not quite the sound of E. *ch* in *child* = *tsh*, double in *cch*, nearly = *ttsh*, as in *strecchen* 'stretch.' *c* had the sound of *s* in the French *temptaciūn* 'temptation,' &c., and also in the E. spellings *epcēne*, *seldcēne* 'easily-seen,' 'rarely-seen.' *k* was generally written instead of *c* before *e* and *i*, but also in other cases. *ġ* and *j* in French words had the sound of *dz* (or very near it), as in Mod. E., and *ġġ* had this sound doubled (comp. *cch*) in such E. words as *siġġen* 'say.' *ġ* also occurred in E. words in the combination *nġ*, as in *swenġe* 'stroke.' *ȝ* (the O. E. form of *g*) had the sound of our cons. *y*, as in *ȝung* 'young.'

ph in the French *prophēte* had, of course, the sound of *f*, and *p* was silent in *psalm-würhle* 'psalm-wright, psalmist.'

PHONOLOGY.

It has been shown that many of the changes from Old to Middle E. are changes of spelling only.

VOWELS.

Of real sound-changes (besides the levelling of inflectional vowels, p. 1, above), the most important are the following.

The old diphthongs *ea*, *ēa*, *eo*, *ēo* became monophthongic, *ea* being levelled under O. E. *æ*, written *e* in M. E., and *ēa* under O. E. *ā*, so that such a pair as the O. E. *heard* and *þæt* were both pronounced with the same vowel, and were accordingly both written with *e* (= *ē*); and such a pair as O. E. *dēad* and *lāran* were both pronounced with the corresponding long vowel, which was accordingly written indifferently *ea* or *e* (= *ē*), so that these two words could be written either *ded*, *leren*, or *dead*, *learen*, *ea* being restricted to the *long* sound, and not employed for the short *ē*. *eo* and *ēo* were simplified in a similar way, but the resulting labial vowels were soon delabialized into *e* and *ē*.

But new diphthongs were developed in M. E. (to some extent already in O. E.)

(1) By weakening of O. E. *g*, which itself was an open consonant (= German *g* in *sagen*) medially and finally. O. E. *g* became *i* after palatal vowels, as in *wei* (O. E. *weg*) 'way,' *mēi* (*mæg*) 'may,' *vēien* (*fēgan*) 'join,' being itself absorbed after *i*, as in *stīen* (*stīgan*) 'ascend,' *isfīen* (*gestīgen*) 'ascended.' After guttural vowels it became *w*, as in *drawen* (*dragan*) 'draw,' *ḡwen* (*āgan*) 'owe,' *bowe* (*boga*) 'bow' sb., *būwen* (*būgan*) 'bow' vb., giving combinations which are scarcely distinguishable from diphthongs, being itself absorbed after *u*, as in *vūel* (*fugol*) 'bird.'

(2) By the development of *i* before palatal *h*, and of *u* before guttural *h* and *w* (= O. E. *g* and *w*): *hēih* (Mercian *hēh*) 'high,' *seiht* (*seht*) 'peace'; *ḡuh* (*āh*) 'owes,' *brouhte* (*brohte*) 'brought,' *tōuward* (*tōweard*) 'towards,' *scheauwen* (*scēawian*) 'show.' Before O. E. palatal *nc* in *leinten* (*lencten*) 'spring,' *acweinte* (*ācwencte*) 'quenched.'

Of the other vowel-changes the most important is that of O. E. *ā* into the broad *ǣ*, which was often written *oa*, as in

moare, more (*māre*) 'more,' *woa, wo* (*wā*) 'woe.' The result was that *ā* occurs only in French words, such as *dāme, blāmen*.

Short vowels were lengthened before *ld, ng, nd, mb, rd* and in other more doubtful cases (the lengthening having begun in O. E.), as in *tōlde* (Mercian *tāldē*) 'told,' *chīld* 'child,' *lōng* (*lang, long*) 'long,' *vīnden* 'find,' *clīmben* 'climb,' *wōrd* 'word.' Not before *lt, lp, nt, &c.*: cp. *hōlden* 'to hold' with pres. *halt* 'holds.'

Consonant influence showed itself in other ways. *w* changes *ɛ* into *a*: *water* (*wæter*) 'water,' *hwat* (*hwæt*) 'what,' *ward* (*weard*) 'guardian.' Palatal *h* changes *e* to *i*: *briht*, (*beorht, breht*) 'bright,' *vihten* (Mercian *fehltan*) 'fight,' *lien* (*lēogan*, Mercian *lēgan*) 'tell lies,' *driēn* (Mercian *drēgan*) 'suffer.'

CONSONANTS.

Original single consonants are sometimes doubled between vowels, especially *m*, as in *summe* (O. E. *sumum*) dat. of *sum* 'some (one).' Also in *wunnunge* 'dwelling,' *iwarre*, plur. 'wary.' Original double consonants are, on the other hand, simplified in unaccented syllables, as in the plur. *sūnfulle* (*synfulle*) 'sinful,' the dat. *wūmmone* (*wīfmanne*) 'woman.'

O. E. consonants are sometimes dropped, as in *hwūch*, *swūch* (*hwylc, swylc*) 'which,' 'such,' *ase* = *alsȝ* (*ealswā*) 'so, as.' The unaccented monosyllables *ich* (*ic*) 'I,' *on* 'on,' *in* 'in,' *an* 'on, an (indef. art.),' together with the unshortened *ȝn* 'one,' often drop their consonants. So also in *me* (*man*) the unaccented form of *mon* 'man,' which is used in the indefinite sense of 'one,' 'they.'

When final *t* or *d* is followed by *þ* beginning another word (generally a pronominal word or a particle), the two consonants were regularly assimilated together, becoming *tt*, and this change is often carried out in writing: *ant te*=*and þe*, *mit te*=*mið þe*.

INFLECTIONS.

SUBSTANTIVES.

In the A. R. the threefold distinction of gender in the names of things as well as of living beings is still partially kept up, although the frequent dropping of the inflections of the articles and adjectives makes it difficult to distinguish them. The natural fem. gender of *wimmon* and *lēofmon* 'sweetheart,' begins to prevail over the grammatical masc., these words taking the pronoun *hēo* 'she.'

The following are the inflections, those which are liable to be dropped being in () :—

SINGULAR.

<i>Strong Masc.</i>	<i>Strong Neut.</i>	<i>Fem.</i>
<i>Nom.</i> wei (<i>way</i>)	wōrd (<i>word</i>)	chirche (<i>church</i>)
<i>Acc.</i> wei	wōrd	chirche
<i>Dat.</i> wei(e)	wōrd(e)	chirche
<i>Gen.</i> weies	wōrdes	chirche

PLURAL.

<i>Nom., Acc.</i> weies	wōrdes, wōrd	chirchen
<i>Dat.</i> weies	wōrdes	chirchen
<i>Gen.</i> weies, weie(ne)	wōrdes, worde(ne)	chirchen(e)

SINGULAR.

	<i>Weak Masc.</i>	<i>Weak Neut.</i>
<i>Nom.</i>	ivēre (<i>companion</i>)	ēie (<i>eye</i>)
<i>Acc.</i>	ivēre	ēie
<i>Dat.</i>	ivēre	ēie
<i>Gen.</i>	ivēre	ēie

PLURAL.

<i>Nom., Acc.</i>	ivēren	ēien
<i>Dat.</i>	ivēren	ēien
<i>Gen.</i>	ivēren(e)	ēien(e)

In *vōr sīpen* 'four times' we have a remnant of the old dat. plur. in *-um*.

Many feminines, such as *hōnd* 'hand,' do not take *e* in the nom. sing. Feminines rarely take *-es* in the gen. sing., the plur. neuters with a short root-syllable (short vowel + single cons.) generally take *-en* in the plural: *ȝet* 'gate,' pl. *ȝeten*. So also the original neuters *trēo*, *dēovel* have plur. *trēon*, *dēoflen*. *bede* (O. E. neuter *gebed*) takes *e* in the nom. sing. French polysyllables take *s* instead of *es*: *parlūrs* 'of a parlour,' *deltūrs* 'debtors,' *passiūns* 'passions.'

Such words as *engel* 'angel,' *wunder* 'wonder,' throw out their unaccented vowel before an inflectional one: *engle*, *wundres*.

dei (O. E. *dæg*) has plur. *dawes* (*dagas*). *vader*, *mōder*, *brōper*, *sūster* are generally unaltered in the sing. The last two have their plurals *brēpren*, *sūstren*. *vrēond* 'friend' is unchanged in the nom. acc. pl., as also *niht* 'night.' *ēi* 'egg,' has plur. *ēiren*. *mon* 'man,' *vōt* 'foot,' have their plur. *men*, *vēt*.

ADJECTIVES.

Adjectives retain the distinction between strong and weak, the latter form being used after the definite article, demonstratives, and defining words generally, but there is much confusion.

Strong.

SINGULAR.

	<i>Masc.</i>	<i>Neut.</i>	<i>Fem.</i>
<i>Nom.</i>	<i>gōd, gōde (good)</i>	<i>gōd</i>	<i>gōd, gōde</i>
<i>Acc.</i>	<i>gōd</i>	<i>gōd</i>	<i>gōde</i>
<i>Dat.</i>	<i>gōd(e)</i>	<i>gōd(e)</i>	<i>gōd(e)</i>
<i>Gen.</i>	<i>gōd(e)</i>	<i>gōd(e)</i>	<i>gōd(e)</i>

PLURAL.

<i>Nom., Acc.</i>	<i>gōde</i>
<i>Dat.</i>	<i>gōde</i>
<i>Gen.</i>	<i>gōde, alre.</i>

When an adj. stands without a subst. it sometimes has a gen. sing. in *-es* in the fem. as well as masc. and neut.

Weak.

SINGULAR.

Weak Masc., Fem., Neut.

<i>Nom.</i>	<i>gōde</i>
<i>Acc.</i>	<i>gōde</i>
<i>Dat.</i>	<i>gōde</i>
<i>Gen.</i>	<i>gōde</i>

PLURAL.

<i>Nom., Acc.</i>	<i>gōde</i>
<i>Dat.</i>	<i>gōde</i>
<i>Gen.</i>	<i>gōde</i>

The *e* of the weak form seems to be dropped only after an unaccented syllable, as in *hōhl(e)* 'holy,' *bitter* (for *bittre*).

The comparative and superlative are formed by adding *-(e)re, -est*.

-lich becomes *-lūkest* in the superl.: *lōdlich* 'hateful,' *lōd-lūkest*. *grētest* 'greatest,' is contracted to *grēst*. *hot* 'hot,' shortens its vowel in the comp. *hattre*.

PRONOUNS AND GENERAL ADJECTIVES.

The personal pronouns have only two cases, *nominative* and *oblique* (which is mainly the O. E. dative, but is used as an acc. as well as a dat.), and are declined thus:—

SINGULAR.		
<i>Nom.</i>	ich, ī (<i>I</i>)	þū (<i>thou</i>)
<i>Obl.</i>	mē	þē
PLURAL.		
<i>Nom.</i>	wē	gē
<i>Obl.</i>	us	ōu
SINGULAR.		
<i>Masc.</i>	<i>Neut.</i>	<i>Fem.</i>
<i>Nom.</i> hē (<i>he</i>)	hit (<i>it</i>)	hēo (<i>she</i>)
<i>Obl.</i> him, hine	him	hire
<hr/>		
PLURAL.		
<i>Nom.</i>	hēo	
<i>Obl.</i>	heom, ham	

The reflexive pronoun is often the simple pronoun, as in *hōlde hire stille!* 'let her keep herself quiet.' Generally, however, *sūlf* 'self' is used. It is joined to the possessives of the first two persons and to the oblique (dative) case of the third person, the form *sūlven* being also used in the nom. as well as the obl. case: *pī-sūlf*, *pī-sūlven*, *him-sūlf*, *him-sūlven*, *ham-sūlven*.

The possessives are *mī(n)*, *þī(n)*, *his* (masc. and neut.), *hire* (her); *ūre*, *ōwer* (*ōur*, *ōur*, inflected *ōure*), *hore*. They are all (including *his*) declined like other adjectives. *mīn* and *þīn* drop their *n* before a consonant.

The definite article is declined thus:—

SINGULAR.

	<i>Masc.</i>	<i>Neut.</i>	<i>Fem.</i>
<i>Nom.</i>	þe	þet, þe	þēo, þe
<i>Acc.</i>	þene, þe	þet, þe	þēo, þe
<i>Dat.</i>	þen, þe	þen, þe	þer, þe
<i>Gen.</i>	þes, þe	þes, þe	þer, þe

PLURAL.

<i>Nom., Acc.</i>	þēo, þe
<i>Dat.</i>	þēo, þe (þen)
<i>Gen.</i>	þēo, þe (þer)

þē (with long *ē*) is also used as a pers. pron. when followed by the relative *þe*: *þē þe* 'he who,' *þēo þe* 'she who,' 'they who.'

þis 'this,' is declined thus:—

SINGULAR.

	<i>Masc.</i>	<i>Neut.</i>	<i>Fem.</i>
<i>Nom.</i>	þis	þis	þēos
<i>Acc.</i>		þis	þēos
<i>Dat.</i>	þisse	þisse	þisse
<i>Gen.</i>			þisse

PLURAL.

<i>Nom., Acc.</i>	þēos
<i>Dat.</i>	þēos, þissen
<i>Gen.</i>	þēos

The relatives are *þe* and *þæt*, both undeclined in gender, number, and case. *hwat* is also used as a relative, as in Mod. E.

Indefinites are formed by adding *se=sȝ* 'so' to the interrogatives *hwȝ*, *hwat*, *hwęþer* 'which of the two,' *hwȝ-se* 'whoever,' *hwęþer-se* 'whoever of the two.' *an*, a shortening of *ȝn* 'one,' is used as an indefinite article, and is declined like an adjective. Both *an* and *ȝn* drop their *n* before a consonant, as also does *nȝn* 'none,' which has an acc. sing. masc. *nenne*. *ȝni*, *ȝi* 'any' is also declined like an adjective. *ōþer* 'other' keeps the strong form after *þe*: *þæt* *ōþer*, &c.

VERBS.

There are two classes of verbs, strong and weak, the former being conjugated by means of vowel-change in the root, the latter by the addition of *d* (*t*).

The following are the general endings:—

	INDICATIVE.	SUBJUNCTIVE.
<i>Pres. sing.</i>		
1.	<i>bīnde</i> 'bind'	<i>bīnde</i>
2.	<i>bintst</i>	<i>bīnde</i>
3.	<i>bint</i>	<i>bīnde</i>
<i>plur.</i>	<i>bīndeþ</i>	<i>bīnden</i>
<i>Pret. sing.</i>		
1.	<i>bōnd</i>	<i>būnde</i>
2.	<i>būnde</i>	<i>būndest</i>
3.	<i>bōnd</i>	<i>būnde</i>
<i>plur.</i>	<i>būnden</i>	<i>būnden</i>
<i>Imper. sing.</i>	<i>bīnd</i> ; <i>plur. bīndeþ.</i>	<i>Infīn. bīnde(n).</i> <i>Part. pres. bīndinde</i> ; <i>pret. ibūnde(n).</i> <i>Gerund to bīnden(e).</i>

The plur. drops its *þ* and *n* when the pron. immediately follows its verb instead of preceding it: *bīnde* *ȝē*, imper.,

būnde 3ē. The pret. partic. regularly prefixes *i-* (=O. E. *ge-*), unless it already has a prefix of the same character.

STRONG VERBS.

In these the 2nd sing. pret. indic. and the whole pret. subj. always have the vowel of the pret. plur. indic.

The 3rd pers. sing. of the pres. indic. is sometimes full *-eþ*, as in *līeþ* 'tells lies,' *spekeþ* 'speaks,' but is often contracted, as in *sleāþ* 'slays,' *berþ* 'bears.' After *t* it is lost, as in *sit* 'sits,' from *sitten*. It changes *d* into *t*, and is dropped itself, as in *tret* 'treads,' from *treden*, *stont* 'stands,' from *stōnden*, *zelt* 'pays' from *zēlden*, *ivint* 'finds' from *ivīnden*, the vowel being generally shortened.

STRONG VERBS.

The following strong verbs occur in our extracts (those only being given which show forms with a vowel different from that of the infinitive):—

I. 'Fall'-conjugation.

INFINITIVE. THIRD PRES. PRET. SING. PRET. PL. PART. PRET.

<i>hōlden</i> (<i>hold</i>)	<i>halt</i>	<i>hēold</i>	<i>hēolden</i>	<i>ihōlden</i> .
<i>vōngen vōn</i> ¹ (<i>receive</i>)	<i>vēng</i>	<i>vēngen</i>	<i>vōngen</i> .	

II. 'Drink'-conjugation.

<i>ivīnden</i> (<i>find</i>)	<i>ivint</i>	<i>ivōnd</i>	<i>ivūnden</i>	<i>ivūnden</i>
<i>biginnen</i> (<i>begin</i>)	.. ..	<i>bigon</i>	<i>bigunnen</i>	<i>bigunne(n)</i>
<i>delven</i> (<i>dig</i>)	.. ..	.. ..	<i>dulven</i>	<i>dolven</i>
<i>helpen</i> (<i>help</i>)	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	<i>holpen</i>
<i>ceorven</i> (<i>cut</i>)	.. ..	<i>kērf</i>	<i>kurven</i>	.. ..
<i>worpen</i> (<i>throw</i>)	.. ..	<i>wērp</i>	<i>wurpen</i>	<i>worpen</i>

¹ Plur. indic. *vōþ*, *vō(3ē)*; imper. sing. *vō*, *vōng*.

III. 'Bear'-conjugation.

beren (<i>bear</i>)	berþ	bęř	bēren	boren
breken (<i>break</i>)	.. ..	bręc	brēken	broken

IV. 'Give'-conjugation.

ȝiven (<i>give</i>)	.. ..	ȝęf	ȝēven	igiven
cweþen (<i>say</i>)	.. ..	cweþ	.. ..	.. ..
biȝeten (<i>get</i>)	biȝit	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
speken (<i>speak</i>)	spekeþ	speęc	.. ..	.. ..
ligȝen (<i>lie</i>)	liþ	lei	lēien	.. ..
sitten (<i>sit</i>)	sit	sęt	sēten	.. ..
isēon (<i>see</i>)	isiþ	ięih	iēien	iseien

V. 'Drive'-conjugation.

schrīven (<i>confess</i>)	.. ..	schrōf	schriven	ischriven
strīven (<i>strive</i>)	.. ..	strōf	....	.. ..

VI. 'Choose'-conjugation.

bēoden (<i>offer</i>)	....	bēd	.. ..	.. ..
vorlēsen (<i>lose</i>)	.. ..	vorlēs	vorluren	vorloren
vlien (<i>flee</i>)	.. ..	.. ..	vluwen	.. ..
lien (<i>tell lies</i>)	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	ilowen
wriēn (<i>cover</i>)	.. ..	wrēih	.. ..	iwriēn
būwen (<i>bow</i>)	būhþ	bēih	.. ..	.. ..

VII. 'Shake'-conjugation.

drawen (<i>draw</i>)	drauhþ	drōuh	drōwen	idrawen
stōnden (<i>stand</i>)	stont	stōd	stōden	istōnden
cumen (<i>come</i>)	cumeþ	cōm	cōmen	icumen
slēan (<i>slay</i>)	slēaþ	slōuh	slōwen	isleien

hebben 'lift,' which in O. E. belongs to this conjugation, has pret. *hef*.

WEAK VERBS.

There are two conjugations of weak verbs: (1) those with inf. *-en*; (2) those with inf. *-ien*.

Conjugation I.

The pret. and partic. pret. are formed by adding *-de* and *-(e)d*, *-līd-* being written *-līd-*, and *-ndd-* becoming *-nd-*. After *t* and other voiceless consonants the *d* becomes *t*, and *-līt-* becomes *-līt-*. The 2nd and 3rd sing. pres. indic. are contracted in the same way as in the strong verbs.

(a) 'Hear'-class.

	INDICATIVE.	SUBJUNCTIVE.
<i>Pres. sing.</i> 1.	<i>hēre</i> (<i>hear</i>)	<i>hēre</i>
2.	<i>hēr(e)st</i>	<i>hēre</i>
3.	<i>hēr(e)þ</i>	<i>hēre</i>
<i>plur.</i>	<i>hēreþ</i>	<i>hēren</i>
<i>Pret. sing.</i> 1.	<i>hērde</i>	<i>hērde</i>
2.	<i>hērdest</i>	<i>hērdest</i>
3.	<i>hērde</i>	<i>hērden</i>
<i>plur.</i>	<i>hērden</i>	<i>hērden</i>
<i>Imper. sing.</i>	<i>hēre</i> : <i>plur. hēreþ.</i>	<i>Infin. hēren.</i>
<i>Part. pres.</i>	<i>hērinde</i> ; <i>pret. ihēr(e)d.</i>	

Other examples are :—

<i>lēren</i> (<i>teach</i>)	<i>lēreþ</i>	<i>lērde</i>	<i>ilēred</i> , <i>ilērd</i>
<i>ilēven</i> (<i>believe</i>)	<i>ilēveþ</i>	<i>ilēvde</i>	<i>ilēved</i>
<i>wenden</i> (<i>turn, go</i>)	<i>went</i>	<i>wende</i>	<i>iwend</i>
<i>spēten</i> (<i>spit</i>)	<i>spēt</i>	<i>spētte</i>	<i>ispēt</i>
<i>setten</i> (<i>set</i>)	<i>set</i>	<i>sette</i>	<i>iset</i>

lēden 'lead,' and *lēten* 'let,' shorten in the pret.: *lēdde*, *lette*, *setten* 'set,' has imper. sing. *sete*. *kūpen* 'make known,' has pret. partic. *ikūd*; *lēggen* has pret. partic. *ileid*; *siggen* 'say,' has 3rd pers. *seiþ*, pret. *seide*, partic. *iseid*, imper. *seie* and *sigge*; *acwenchen* 'quench,' has pret. *acweinte*; *strecchen* 'stretch,' has partic. pret. *istreiht*; *nemnen* 'name,' has imper. sing. *nem*.

(b). 'Seek'-class.

tellen (<i>tell</i>)	telleþ	tōlde	itōld
þenchen (<i>think</i>) ¹	.. ..	þouhte	ipouht
būggen (<i>buy</i>)	būþ	bouhte	ibouht
þūnchen (<i>seem</i>)	.. ..	þuhte	ipuht
wūrchen (<i>work</i>)	.. ..	wrouhte	iwrouht

Conjugation II.

	INDICATIVE.	SUBJUNCTIVE.
<i>Pres. sing.</i> 1.	luvie (<i>love</i>)	luvie
2.	luvest	luvie
3.	luveþ	luvie
<i>plur.</i>	luvieþ	luvien
<i>Pret. sing.</i> 1.	luvede	luvede
2.	luvedes	luvedes
3.	luvede	luvede
<i>plur.</i>	luvede	luveden
<i>Imper. sing.</i>	luve; <i>pl.</i> luvieþ.	<i>Infin.</i> luvien.
	<i>Part. pres.</i> luvi(i)nde; <i>pret.</i> iluved.	

The *i* is often omitted in these verbs. *luvie* sometimes becomes *luvi*.

habben 'have' (*nabben* 'have not') shows a mixture of forms of both conjugations.

¹ Imper. *þenc(h)*.

	INDICATIVE.	SUBJUNCTIVE.
<i>Pres. sing.</i>	1. habbe	habbe
	2. havest	habbe
	3. haveþ	habbe
<i>plur.</i>	habbeþ	habben
	<i>Pret.</i> hefde, hevede.	
<i>Imper. sing.</i>	have ; <i>plur.</i> habbeþ.	<i>Infin.</i> habben.

STRONG-WEAK VERBS.

These have for their present an old strong preterite, from which a new preterite is formed.

	INDICATIVE.	SUBJUNCTIVE.
<i>Pres. sing.</i>	1. con (<i>can</i>)	cunne
	2. const	cunne
	3. con	cunne
<i>plur.</i>	cunnen	cunnen
<i>Pret.</i>	cūpe.	<i>Infin.</i> cunnen.

The others are:—

wot 'know,' 'guard,' pl. *witeþ*, *wüteþ*; pret. *wüste*. So also *nōt* 'knows not.'

gūh 'owes,' 'ought,' *gwen*; *gūhte*.

mōt 'may,' 'must,' *mōten*; *mōste*.

mei 'can,' 'may,' *bū miht*, *meiht*, *muwen*; *mühte*.

schal 'shall,' *bū schalt*, *schulen*, *schullen*; *schulde*.

A similar verb is *wüllen* 'will,' *nüllen* 'will not.'

	INDICATIVE.	SUBJUNCTIVE.
<i>Pres. sing.</i>	1. wüle, wülle, ichülle (<i>nülle</i>)	wüle
	2. wilt, wült (<i>nült</i>)	wüle
	3. wüle	wüle
<i>plur.</i>	wüllep	wüllen
<i>Pret.</i>	wolde	

ANOMALOUS VERBS.

1. *bēon*, 'be.'

	INDICATIVE.	SUBJUNCTIVE.
<i>Pres. sing.</i>	1. <i>am</i> (<i>nam</i>)	<i>bēo</i>
	2. <i>ert</i>	<i>bēo</i>
	3. <i>is</i> (<i>nis</i>)	<i>bēo</i>
<i>plur.</i>	<i>bēop</i> , <i>bōp</i>	<i>bēon</i>
<i>Pret. sing.</i>	1. <i>was</i>	<i>wēre</i>
	2. <i>wēre</i> (<i>nēre</i>)	<i>wēre</i>
	3. <i>was</i>	<i>wēre</i>
<i>plur.</i>	<i>wēren</i>	<i>wēren</i>
<i>Imper. sing.</i>	<i>bēo</i> ; <i>plur. bēop.</i>	<i>Infin. bēon.</i>

2. *dōn*, 'do.'

	INDICATIVE.	SUBJUNCTIVE.
<i>Pres. sing.</i>	1. <i>dō</i>	<i>dō</i>
	2. <i>dēst</i>	<i>dō</i>
	3. <i>dēp</i>	<i>dō</i>
<i>plur.</i>	<i>dōp</i>	<i>dōn</i>
<i>Pret.</i>	<i>dūde</i>	
<i>Imper. sing.</i>	<i>dō</i> : <i>plur. dōp.</i>	<i>Infin. dōn.</i>
	<i>Part. pres. dōnde</i> ; <i>pret. idōn.</i>	

3. *gōn*, 'go.'

	INDICATIVE.	SUBJUNCTIVE.
<i>Pres. sing.</i>	1. <i>gō</i>	<i>gō</i>
	2. <i>gēst</i>	<i>gō</i>
	3. <i>gēp</i>	<i>gō</i>
<i>plur.</i>	<i>gōp</i>	<i>gōn</i>
<i>Pret.</i>	<i>ēode</i>	
<i>Imper. sing.</i>	<i>gō</i> ; <i>plur. gōp.</i>	<i>Infin gōn.</i>

EXTRACTS.

SPEECH.

ON alre-ērest, hwon zē schulen tō ōure parlūres þūrle, iwiteþ *Morton, p. 6.*
 ęt ōwer meiden hwō hit bēo þet is icumen, vor swūch hit mei
 bēon þet zē schulen aschunien¹ ōu; &² hwon zē alles mōten
 vorþ, creoiseþ ful zēorne ōur mūþ, ēaren, & ēien, & te brēoste
 ēke; & gōþ forþ mid Godes drēde tō prēoste. On ērest 5
 siggēþ *confiteor*, & þēr-ęfter *benedicite*. Þet hē ȝuh tō siggen,
 hērcneþ his wōrdes, & sitteþ al stille, þet, hwon hē parteþ³
 vrom ōu, þet hē ne cunne ōwer gōd, ne ōwer ūvel nōuþer;
 ne hē ne cunne ōu nōuþer blāmen ne preisen. Sum is sō
 wel ilēred, ȝper se wīs-iwōrded, þet hēo wolde þet hē wūste 10
 hit; þe sit & spekeþ tōuward him, & zelt him wōrd aȝein
 wōrd, & bicumeþ meister, þe schulde bēon ancre; & leareþ
 him þet is icumen tō lēren hire: wolde bī hire tale sōne bēon
 mit te wīse icūd & icnōwen. Icnōwen hēo is wel, vor þurh
 þet ilke þet hēo wēneþ tō bēon wīs ihōlden, hē understont 15
 þet hēo is sot. Vor hēo hunteþ ęfter prīs, & kęccheþ lastunge.
 Vor ęt te laste, hwon hē is iwēnd a-wei, ‘pēos ancre,’ hē
 wūle siggen, ‘is of mūchele spēche.’ Ēve hēold ine parais
 lōnge tale mid te neðdre, & tōlde hire al þet lescūn þet God
 hire hefde ilēred & Adām of þen ępple; & sō þe vēond þurh 20
 hire wōrd understōd an-ȝn-riht hire wōcnesse, & ivōnd wei
 tōuward hire of hire vorlorenesse. Ūre lęfdi, Seinte Mārie,

¹ asunien.

² = and, ant.

³ parted.

dūde al an ōper wīse : ne tōlde hēo þen engle nōne tale, auh
 askede him þīng scheortliche þet hēo ne kūpe. Ʒē, mīne
 lēove sūstren, voleweþ ūre lēfdi, & nōut þe kakele Ēve.
 Vor-þī ancre, hwat se hēo bēo, alse mūchel ase hēo ēuer con
 5 & meī, hōlde hire stille : nabbe hēo nōut henne kūnde. Þe
 hen, hwon hēo haveþ ileid, ne con būten kakelen. And
 hwat biȝit hēo þēr-of? Kumeþ þe cōue anōn-riht & rēveþ
 hire hire ēiren, & fret al þet of hwat hēo schulde vorþ-brīngen
 hire cwike briddes ; & riht alsō þe lūpere cōue, dēovel, berþ
 10 a-wei vrom ¹ þe kakelinde ancren & vorswoluweþ al þet gōd
 þet hēo istrēoned habbeþ, þet schulden ase briddes beren ham
 up tōward heovene, ȝif hit nēre icakeled. Þe wrēcche ²
 peoddare mōre noise hē makeþ tō ȝēien his sōpe, þen a rīche
 mercēr al his dēorewurþe ware. Tō summe gōstliche monne
 15 þet ȝē bēoþ trūsti ³ uppen, ase ȝē muwen bēon of lūt, gōd is
 þet ȝē asken rēd, & salve þet hē tēche ou tōȝeines sōndunges,
 & ine schrifte scheaweþ him, ȝif hē wūle ihēren, ōwer grēste
 & ōwer lōdlūkeste sūnnen, vor-þī-þet him arēowe ou ; & þurh
 þe birēounesse criē Crīst inwārdliche merci vor ou, & habbe
 20 ou ine mūnde & in hiȝ bōnen. *Sed multi veniunt ad vos in*
vestimentis ovium ; intrinsecus autem sunt lupi rapaces. ‘Auh
 witeþ ou, & bēoþ iwarre,’ hē seiþ, ūre Lōverd, ‘vor monie
 cumeþ tō ou ischrūd mid lōmbes flēose, & bēoþ wōde wulves.’
 Worldliche men ilēveþ lūt ⁴ ; religiūse ȝet lēsse. Ne wilnie
 25 ȝē nōut tō mūchel hore kūplēchunge. Ēve wiþūte drēde
 spēc mit te neȝddre. Ūre lēfdi was ofdrēd of Gabriēles
 spēche.

Wiþūte witnesse of wēopmon ōper of wūmmon þet ou
 muwe ihēren, ne speke ȝē mid nōne monne ofte ne lōnge ; &
 30 þauh hit bēo of schrifte, i þen ilke hūse, ōper þēr hē muwe
 isēon tōward ou, sitte þe þridde, būte ȝif þe ilke þridde o

¹ uorm.² wreche.³ strusti.⁴ hit.

þer stūnde ¹ trūkie. Þis nis nōt vor ōu, lēove sūstren, iseid, ne vor ōþer swūche; auh ² for-þī þe trēowe is mislēved, & te sakelease ofte bilowen vor wone of witnesse. Me ilēveþ þet ūvel sōne, & te unwrēste blīpeliche lēp on þe gōde. Sum unisēli, hwon hēo seide þet hēo schrōf hire, haveþ ischriven 5 hire al tō wundre. Vor-þī ōwen þe gōde ēuer tō habben witnesse, vor twō ancheisūns: nomeliche, þet ōn is þet te ontfulle ne muwen lēn on heom sō þet þe witnesse ne prēove heom valse; þet ōþer is, vor te ġiven þe ōþre vorbīsne, & binime þe ūvele ancre þet ilke unisēli gile þet ich of seide. 10

Ūt of chirche þūrle ne hōlde ġē nōne tale mid nōne monne, auh bereþ wurpschipe þēr-tō, vor þe hōli sacrament þet ġē isēoþ þēr-þurh, & nimeþ ōþerhwūles ōwer wūmmen tō þe hūses þūrle. Þēo ōþre men & wūmmen tō þe parlūs þūrle speken vor nēode: ne ōuwe ġē būten et þēos twō 15 þūrles.

Silence ēuere et te mete; vor ġif ōþre religiūse dōþ hit, ase ġē wel wūteþ, ġē ōwen bivoren alle. & ġif ēni haveþ dēore gist, dō hire meiden ase in hire stūde te glēdien hire vēre, & hēo schal habben leave tō openen hire þūrl ēnes ōþer 20 twīes, & makien singnes tōward hire of ōne glēde chēre. Summes kurteisie is nō-þe-leas itūrnd hire tō ūvele. Under semblaunt of gōd is ofte iheled sūnne. Ancre & hūses lēfdi ōuh mūche tō bēon bitwēonen. Ēueriche vrīdēie of þe ġēr hōldeþ silence, būte ġif hit bēo duble fēste; & teonne hōldeþ 25 hit sum ōþer dai i þe wike; i þen Advent, & i þe Ūmbri-dawes, wōdnesdawes, & frīdawes; i þe leinten prēo dawes, & al þe swīpwike vort nōn of Ēsterēuen. Tō ōwr meiden ġē muwen þauh siggen mid lūt wōrdes hwat se [ġē] wūlleþ; & ġif ēni gōd mon is feorrene ikumen, hērcneþ his spēche, 30 and onswerieþ mid lūt wōrdes tō his askunge.

¹ stude.² nout.

Müche fol hē wēre þe mūhte tō his ȝwene bihōve, hwēper se hē wolde, grīnden grēot ȝper hwēte, gif hē grūnde þe grēot, & lēfde þene hwēte. 'Hwēte is hōli spēche,' ase Seint Anselme seiþ. Hēo grint grēot þe chēfleþ. Þe twō chēoken
 5 bēoþ þe twō grinstōnes. Þe tūnge is þe cleppe. Lōkeþ, lēove sūstren, þet ȝuwer chēoken ne grīnden nēuer būte sȝule vōde, ne ȝur earen ne hērcnen nēuer būte sȝule heale; & nȝut ȝne ȝur earen, auh ȝwer ēieþurles tūneþ aȝein īdel spēche, þet tō ȝu ne cume nȝ tale ne tūpinge of þe worlde.

- 10 Ȝē ne schulen vor nȝne þīnge ne warien, ne swerien, būte gif Ȝē sigȝen witterliche, ȝper sikerliche, ȝper o summe swūche wīse; ne ne prēche Ȝē tō nȝne mon; ne nȝ mon ne aski ȝu read ne counsail, ne ne telle ȝu. Readeþ wūmmen ȝne. Seinte Pȝwel vorbead wūmmen tō prēchen. *Mulieres*
 15 *non permitto docere.* Nēne wēopmon ne chasti Ȝē, ne ne ȝtwīteþ him of his unþeau, būte gif hē bēo ȝuer kūpre. Hȝlie ȝlde ancren muwen dōn hit summes weis; auh hit nis nȝut siker þīng, ne ne limpeþ nȝut tō þe ȝūnge. Hit is hore mester þet bēoþ over ȝpre iset, & habbeþ ham tō witene.
 20 Ancre naveþ tō witene būten hire & hire meīdenes. Hȝlde ȝuerich his ȝwene mester, & nȝut ne reavie ȝpres. Moni mon wēneþ tō dōn wel þet hē dēþ al tō cweade: vor, ase ich ȝr seide, under semblaunt of gōde is ofte iheled sūnne; & þurh swūch chastiement haveþ sum ancre arȝred bitwēo-
 25 nen hire & hire prēost ȝper a valsinde luve, ȝper a mūche weorre.

Seneca seide: *Ad summam [volo] vos esse rariloquos, tuncque pauciloquos.* 'Þet is þe ēnde of þe tale,' seiþ Seneke þe wīse: 'ichūlle þet Ȝē speken sēlde, & þeonne būten lūtel.' Auh moni
 30 pūnt hire wōrd vor te lēten mȝ ūt, as me dēþ water ȝt¹ ter mūlne clūse; & sȝ dūden Jȝbes frēond, þet wēren icumen

tō vrōvren him: sēten stille alle seoue niht. Auh þēo [hēo] hefden alles bigunne vor tō spekene, þeonne¹ kūpen hēo nēvere astūnten hore cleppe. Greg.: *Censura silentii nutritura est verbi*. Sō hit is inne monie, ase seinte Gregōrie seiþ: ‘Silence is wōrdes fōstrild: bringeþ forþ cheafle.’ An 5
 5 ȝer half ase hē seiþ, *Juge silentium cogit celestia meditari*. Lōng silence & wel iwūst nēdeþ þe þouhtes up tōward þer heovene; alsō ase ȝē muwen isēon þe water, hwon me pūnt hit & stoppeþ bivoren wel, sō þet hit ne muwe adūneward, þeonne is hit inēd aȝein vor tō clīmben upward; & ȝē al 10
 þisses weis pūndeþ ȝwer wōrdes, & forstoppeþ ȝwer þouhtes, ase ȝē wūlleþ þet hēo clīmben & hīen tōward heovene, & nōt ne vallen adūneward, & tōvlēoten ȝeond tē world, ase dēþ mūchel cheafle. Auh hwon ȝē nēde mōten speken a lūte wiht, lēseþ up ȝwer mūpes flōdȝeten, ase me dēþ et ter 15
 mūlne, and lēteþ² adūn sōne.

Mō sleaþ wōrd þene swēord. *Mors et vita in manibus lingue*. ‘Lif & deaþ,’ seiþ Salomon, ‘is ine tūnge hōnden.’ ‘Hwō se witeþ wel his mūþ, hē witeþ,’ hē seiþ, ‘his sōule.’ *Sicut urbs patens & absque murorum ambitu: sicut, &c.* Greg. 20
Qui murum silentii non habet, patet inimici, &c.: ‘Hwō se ne wiphalt his wōrdes,’ seiþ Salomon þe wīse, ‘hē is ase buruh wipūten wal, þēr ase vērd mei in over-al.’ Þe vēond of helle mid his fērd went þurh þe tūtel þet is ēuer open intō þe
 heorte. In *vilas patrum* hit telleþ þet ȝn hōli mon seide, þēo 25
 me preiseðe ane [of þe] brēpren þet hē hefdē ihērd þet wēren of mūche spēche: *Boni utique sunt, sed habitatio eorum non habet januam: quicumque vult intrat, & asinum soluit*. ‘Gōde,’ cwēþ hē, ‘hēo bōþ; auh hore wunnunge naveþ nō
 ȝet: hore mūþ mapeleþ ēver; & hwō se ēuer wūle mei ȝōn 30
 in, & lēden vorþ hore asse;’ þet is, hore unwīse sōule Vor

¹ þeone.² leted.

pī, seiþ sein Jāme : *Si quis putat se religiosum esse, non refrēnans linguam suam, sed seducens cor suum, haec vana est religio.*

- Þet is ‘ȝif ēni wēneþ þet hē bēo religiūs, & ne bridlep nōut
 1 his tūnge, his religiūn is fals : hē gīlep his heorte.’ Hē seiþ
 5 swūpe wel, ‘ne brīdlep nōut his tūnge,’ vor brīdel nis nōut
 q̄ne i þe horses mūpe, auh sit sum upo þen ēien, & sum o
 þen earen. Vor alle prēo is mūche nēod þet hēo bēon
 ibridled ; auh i þe mūpe sit tēt iren, & o þe lihte tūnge ; vor
 þēr is mēst nēod hōld hwon þe tūnge is o rūne, & ivollen on
 10 tō ēornen. Vor ofte wē þencheþ, hwon wē vōþ on tō
 spekene, vor te speken lūtēl, & wel-isette wōrdes ; auh þe
 tūnge is sliddri, vor hēo wadeþ ine wēte, & slīt lihtliche vorþ
 from lūt wōrd into monie ; & teonne, ase Salomon seiþ, *in*
multiloquio non deest peccatum. Ne mei nōut mūchel spēche,
 15 ne aginne hit nēuer sō wel, bēon wiþūten sūnne ; vor vrom
 sōþ hit slīt te vals ; ūt of gōd intō tūel, & from mesūre intō
 unimēte ; & of a drope waxeþ a mūche flōd, þet adrencheþ
 þe sōule. Vor mid te flēotinde wōrd tōflēoteþ þe heorte ;
 sō þet lōnge þēr-ēfter ne mei hēo bēon a-riht igēdered tō-
 20 gēderes. *Et os nostrum tanto longius est Deo, quanto mundo*
proximum ; tanto minus exauditur in prece quanto amplius in-
quinatur in locutione. Þis bēoþ sein Gregōries wōrdes, in his
 dialōge. Ase nēih ase ūre mūþ is tō worldliche spēche, ase
 veor hē is [vrom] God, hwon wē spekeþ tōward him, & bit
 25 him ēni bōne. Vor-pī is þet wē ȝēieþ upon him ofte, & hē
 fūrseþ him awei vrommard ūre stefne : ne nūle hē nōut
 ihēren hire, vor hēo stinckeþ tō him al of þe worldes maþe-
 lunge, & of hire chēfle. Hwō se wīlle wilnen þet Godes eare
 bēo nēih hire tūnge, fūrsie hire vrom þe worlde, elles hēo mei
 30 lōnge ȝēien ēr God hire ihēre ; auh hē seiþ þurh Isaie : *Cum*
extenderitis manus vestras, avertam oculos meos a vobis ; &
cum multiplicaveritis orationes, non exaudiam vos ; þet is,
 ‘þauh ȝē makien monivōld ōuwer bōnen tōward mē, ȝē þet

pleieþ mit te worlde, nūl' ich ōu nōut ihēren ; auh icchülle
tūnnen mē awei, hwon ƿē hebbēþ tōward mē ēien ƿer
hōnden.'

Ūre dēorewurþe lēfdi, seinte Mārie, þet ƿuh tō alle wūm-
men bēon vorbīsne, was of sō lūte spēche þet nōuhware ine 5
hōli write ne iwinde wē þet hēo spēc būte vōr sīpen ; auh for
þe seldspēche hire wōrdes wēren hevie, & hefden mūche
mihte. Hire vorme wōrdes þet wē rēdeþ of wēren þō hēo
onswerede þen engle Gabriēl, & þeo wēren sō mihtie þet mid
tēt þet hēo seide, *Ecce ancilla Domini ; fiat mihi secundum* 10
verbum tuum, et tisse wōrde Godes sune & sōþ God bicōm
mon ; & þe Lōverd, þet al þe world ne mūhte nōut bivōn,
bitūnde him wīpinnen þe meidenes wōmbe Mārie. Hire
ōpre wōrdes wēren þoa hēo cōm & grētte Elizabēþ hire
mōwe ; & hwat mihte wēnest-tu was icūd ine þeos wōrdes ? 15
Hwat ! þet a child bigon vor tō pleien tōgeines ham—þet
was sein Jōhan—in his mōder wōmbe. Þe þridde tīme þet
hēo spēc, þet was et te neoces, & þēr, þurh hire bōne, was
water iwēnd tō wīne. Þe vēorþe tīme was þoa hēo hefde
imist hire sune, & eft hine iwōnd. & hū mūchel wunder 20
voluwede þeos wōrdes ! þet God almihti bēih him tō ƿne
monne, tō ƿne smīþe, & tō ane wūmmone, & foluwude ham,
ase hore, hwūder sō hēo ƿuer wolden. Nimeþ nū hēr ƿēme,
& leorneþ ƿēorne hēr-bī hū seldcēne spēche haveþ mūche
strenceþe. 25

Vir lingosus non dirigetur in terra : 'Veole-iwōrdede
mon,' seiþ þe psalmwūrhte, 'ne schal nēuer lēden riht lif on
eorþe.' Vor-þī hē seiþ elleshwar : *Dixi, custodiam vias meas,*
ut non delinquam in lingua mea ; & is as þauh hē seide, 'Ic-
chülle witen mīne weies mid mīne tūnge warde.' Wite ich 30
wel mīne tūnge, ich mei wel hōlden þene wei tōward heo-
vene ; vor ase Isaie seiþ, *Cultus justicie silencium :* 'þe tilpe

of rihtwīsnesse, þæt is silence.' Silence tileþ hire; & hēo itiled
 bringeþ forþ sōule ēche vōde. Vor hēo is undeaplich, ase
 Salomon witneþ: *Justicia immortalis est.* Vor-þī vēieþ Isaie
 hope & silence bōpe tōgēderes; & seiþ þæt in ham schal
 5 stōnden gōstliche strenceþ: *In silencio & spe erit fortitudo*
vestra; þæt is, 'ine silence & ine hope schal bēon ōwer
 strenceþ.' Nimeþ gēme hū wel hē seiþ; vor hwō se is
 mūche stille, & halt lōnge silence, hēo mēi hopien sikerliche
 þæt hwon hēo spekeþ tōward Gode, þæt he hire wūle ihēren.
 10 Hēo mēi ēc hopien þæt hēo schal ēc sīngen þurh hire scilence
 swēteliche ine heovene. Þis is nū þe reisūn of þe vēiunge,
 hwī Isaie vēieþ hope & silence, & kupleþ bōpe tōgēderes.
 Tēke þæt hē seiþ ī þen ilke autoritē, þæt ine silence & ine
 hope schal bēon ūre strenceþ ine Godes servīse agein þes
 15 dēofles turnes & his fōndunges. Auh lōkeþ þurh hwat reisūn.
 Hope is a swēte spīce wīpinne þe heorte, þæt spēteþ ūt al þe
 bitter þæt tēt bodi drinkeþ. Auh hwō se chēouweþ spīces, hēo
 schal tūnen hire mūþ þæt te swōte brēþ & te strenceþ pēr-of
 astūnte wīpinnen: auh hēo þæt openeþ hire mūþ mid mūche
 20 mapelunge, & brekeþ silence, hēo spēt hope al ūt, & te swōt-
 nesse pēr-of mid worldliche wōrdes; & hēo lēoseþ agein þe
 vēond gōstliche strenceþ. Vor hwat makeþ ūs strōng vor te
 drien derf ine Godes servise, & ine vōndunges tō wrastlen
 stalewardliche agein þes dēofles swenges? Hwat, būte hope
 25 of hēih mēde? Hope halt þe heorte ihōl, hwat se þæt vlēschs
 drie ōþer þolie; ase me seiþ, gif hope nēre, heorte tōbrēke.
 Ā, Jēsu, þīn ōre! Hū stont ham þæt bēoþ pēre ase alle wō
 & weane is, wīpūten hope of ūtcume, & heorte ne mēi ber-
 sten? Vor-þī, ase gē wūlleþ hōlden wīpinneŋ ōu hope, &
 30 þene swōte brēþ of hire þæt gīveþ þe sōule mihte, mid mūþ
 itūned chēouweþ hire wīpinnen ōuwer heorte: ne blōwe gē
 hire nōut ūt mid mapelinde mūþe, ne mid geoniinde tūteles.
Non habeatis linguam vel aures prurientes; 'Lōkeþ' seiþ sein

Jerōme, 'þæt gē nabben ȝicchinde nōuþer tūnge ne earen'; þæt is tō siggēn, þæt ōu ne lūste nōuþer speken ne ihēren worldliche spēche. Hider-tō is iseid of ōuwer silence, & hū ōur spēche schal bēon seldcēne. *Contrariorum eadem est disciplina*: of silence & of spēche nis būte a lōre; & for-þi 5 ine writunge hēo ēorneþ bōþe tōgēderes.

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Morton p. 118.

Mine lēove sūstren, alsō ase gē wel witeþ ōur wittes wiþ-
ūten, alsō over alle þing lōkeþ þæt gē bēon softe wiþinnen, &
mild[e], & ēdmōde, swēte, & swōte-iheorted, & polemōde
aȝein wōrd, ȝif me seiþ on ōu mis, ant werc þæt me misdēþ 10
ōu, lēste gē al vorlēosen. Aȝein bittre ancren Dauid seiþ þis
vers, *Similis factus sum pellicano solitudinis*, &c. 'Ich am
ase pellicān,' hē seiþ, 'þæt wunieþ bī him ōne.' Pellicān is a
leane fuwel¹, sō weamōd & sō wrēþful þæt hit sleaþ ofte vor
grome his ōwune briddes, hwon hēo tēoneþ him, ant þeonne 15
sōne þēr-ēfter hit bicumeþ swūþe sōri, & makeþ swūþe mūche
mōne, & smīt him sūlven mid his bile þæt hit slōuh ēr his
briddes mide, & drauhþ ūt blōd of his brēoste, & mit tēt blōd
acwikeþ eft his isleine briddes. Þis pellicān is þe weamōde
ancre. Hire briddes þæt bēoþ hire gōde werkes, þæt hēo 20
sleaþ ofte mid bile of schearpe wrēþþe. Auh hwon hēo sō
haveþ idōn, dō ase dēþ þe pellicān: ofspūnche hit swūþe
sōne, & mid hire ōwune bile bekie hire brēoste; þæt is, mid
schrifte of hire mūþe þæt hēo sūnegede mide & slōuh hire
gōde werkes, drawe þe blōd of sūnne ūt of hire brēoste, þæt 25
is, of þe heorte, þæt sōule lif is inne, & sō schulen eft a-
cwikien hire isleiene briddes, þæt bēoþ hire werkes. Blōd
bitōcneþ sūnne; vor alsō blēdinde mon is grislīch & atelīch

¹ fowel.

ine monnes ēihsihþe, alsō is þe sūnfule bivore Godes ēien. An ōþer half, nō mon ne mēi jūggen blōd wel ēr hit bēo cōld; alsō is of sūnne. Þēo hwūle þet te heorte wallep wipinnen of wrēppe¹, nis þēr nō riht dōm, ne nō riht gūge-
 5 ment; ōþer þēo hwūle þet te lust is hōt tōward ēni sūnne, ne miht-tu nōt þēo hwūle dēmen wel hwat hit is, ne hwat þēr wūle cumen of; auh lēt lust overgōn, & hit te wūle līken. Lēt þet hōte acōlen, ase dēp þē þet wūle jūggen blōd, & pū schalt dēmen al riht þe sūnfule & te sūnne lōdlich & fūl, þet
 10 te þuhte vēr; & sō mūchel ūvel cumen þēr-of þet gif pū hit hefdest idōn þēo hwūle þet te hēte ilēste, þet tu schalt dēmen þī stīlven wōd, þō pū þēr-tōward þouhtest. Þis is of ēverich sūnne sōþ.

Impedit ira animam ne possit cernere verum. 'Wrēppe,' hit
 15 seiþ, 'þe-hwūle-þet hit ilēst, ablēndeþ sō þe heorte þet hēo ne mēi sōþ iknōwen. *Maga quedam est transformans naturam humanam.* Wrēppe is a vorschūppild, ase me telleþ ine spellen: vor hēo bireaveþ & binimeþ mon his rihte wit, & chaungeþ al his chēre, & forschūppeþ him vrom² mon intō
 20 bēstes cūnde. Wūmmon wrōþ is wūlvne: & mon wrōþ is wulf, ōþer lēun, ōþer ūnicorne. Þe hwūle þet ēuer wrēppe is ine wūmmone heorte, þauh hēo versalie, & sigge hire ūres, & hire paternostres, & hire āuez, al ne dēp hēo būte þēotēþ: hēo naveþ būte, ase þēo þet is iwēnd te wūlvne i Godes ēien,
 25 wūlvne³ stefne in his swēte earen. *Ira furor brevis est:* wrēppe is a wōdschipe. Wrōþ mon is hē wōd? Hū lōkeþ hē, hū spekeþ hē, hū vareþ his heorte wipinnen him? Hwūche bēoþ wipūten alle his lātes? Hē ne icnōweþ nenne mon. Hū is hē mon þeonne? *Est enim homo animal man-*
 30 *suetum natura.* Mon is kūndeliche mīlde; auh sō sōne sō hē his mildheortnesse vorlēoseþ, hē vorlēoseþ monnes kūnde,

¹ ureððe.² uorm.³ & is ase wuluene.

& wrēppe, þe vorschüppild, vorschüppeþ him intō bēstes künde, ase ich ēr seide. Ant hwat gif ēni ancre, Jēsu Crīstes spūse, is forschüpped tō wūlvne—nis þet mūche seoruwe? Nis þēr þeonne būte vorworpen sōne þet rūwe vel abūte þe heorte, & mid softe seihtnesse makien hire smēpe & softe, ase 5 is cūndeliche wūmmone hūde. Vor mid te wūlvne velle nō þīng þet hēo dēp nis Gode licwurpe ne icwēme.

Lō hēr ageines wrēppe monie kūnnes remedies, & frōvren a mūche vloc, & misliche bōten. Gif me misseþ þē, þenc þet tū ert eorpe: ne tōdrauhþ me þe eorpe? ne tōtret [me] 10 þe eorpe? ne bispēt me þe eorpe? Þauh me dūde sō bī þē, me dūde þe eorpe rihte. Gif þū berkest agein þū ert hūndes kūndes; ant gif þū stingest agean mid attri wōrdes, þū ert neðdre kūndes, & nōut Crīstes spūse. Þenc, dūde hē sō? *Qui tanquam ovis ductus est ad occisionem, & non aperuit os* 15 *suum.* Efter alle þe schendfule pīnen þet hē þolede o þe lōnge urīniht, me lēdde him a-morwen vor te hōngen o wari-trēo, & drīven þuruh his fōur limes īrene neīles; ant ‘nan mōre þen a schēp,’ ase þe hōli writ seiþ, ‘ne cwēþ hē nēuer a wōrd.’ 20

Þench get an ōper half, hwat is wōrd būte wīnd? Tō wōc hēo is istrencped þet a wīndes puf of a wōrd mei avellen, & aworpen intō sūnne; & hwō nūle þūnchen þeonne wunder of an ancre þet a wīndes puf of a wōrd avellep? Get, an ōper half, ne scheaweþ hēo þet hēo is dust, & vnstāble þīng¹, þet 25 mid a lūtel wīnd of a wōrd is an-ōn tōblōwen & tōbollen? Þe ilke puf of his mūþ, gif þū hit wurpe under þīne vēt, hit schulde beren þē upward tōward þe blisse of heovene. Auh nū is mūche wunder of ūre mūchele unmēpschipe. Under-stōndep þis wōrd. Seint Andrēu mūhte ipolien þet te herde 30 rōde hef him tōward heovene, aut luveliche biclūpte hire.

¹ þīnc.

Seint Lōrens alsō ipolede þæt te gredil hef him upwardes mid berninde glēden. Seinte Stefne ipolede¹ te stōnes þæt me stēnede him mide, & undervēng ham glēdliche mid hommen ivōlden, þæt is, cnēolinde; & wē ne muwe nōut ipolien þæt
 5 te wīnd of a wōrd bere us tōward heovene, auh bēoþ wōde ageines ham þæt wē schulden þoncken, ase þēo ilke þæt serveþ us of mūche servise, þauh hit bēo hore unþenkes. *Impius vivit pio, velit nolit impius.* Al þæt þe unwrēste & te tūvele dēp for tūvele, al is þe gōde to gōde², & al is tō his
 10 bihēve, & timbrunge tōward his blisse. Lēt hine iwurpen, & tēt glēdliche: breiden þē ane crūne. Þenc hū þe gōde hōli mon, in *vitas patrum*, cūste & blescede þe unwrēste hōnd þæt hefde ihermed him, & seide sō inwardliche cūssinde hire gēorne ‘Iblesced bēo ēuer þeos hōnd, vor hēo haveþ itim-
 15 bred mē þe bliscen of heovene;’ & tū sigge alsō bī þe hōnd þæt misdēp þē, & bī þe mūþ alsō þæt ōut misseip þē, ‘Iblesced bēo þī mūþ,’ þū seie, ‘vor þū makest mē lōme³ þēr-of tō timbren & tō ēchen mē mīne crūne. Wel is mē vor mīne gōde, & wō is mē þauh for þīn tūvel; vor þū dēst mē gōd, & her-
 20 mest þī sūlf.’ Zif ēi mon ōþer ēi wūmmon misseip ōþer misdēp ōu, mīne lēove sūstren, sō gē schulen siggen. Auh nū is mūchē wunder, zif wē wel bihōldeþ hū Godes halewen poleden wūnden in hore bodie, & wē bēoþ wōde zif a wīnd blōweþ a lütel tōward us, & te ilke wīnd ne wūndeþ nōut
 25 būte þe eare ōne. Vor nōuþer ne meī þe wīnd, þæt is þæt wōrd, ne wūnden þē i þīne vlēsche, ne fūlen þīne sōule, þauh hit pufte on þē, būte zif þī sūlf hit makie. Bernardus: *Quid irritaris? quid inflammaris ad verbi flatum, qui nec carnem vulnerat, nec inquinat mentem.* Wel þū meiht understōnden
 30 þæt tēr was lütel fūr of cheritē þæt lēiteþ al of ūre Lōverdes luve. Lütel fūr was tēr þēr-of, þæt a puf acweinte. Vor þēr ase mūchel fūr is, kūndeliche hit waxeþ mid wīnde.

¹ þet.² god.³ leome.

Agein missawe ȝper misdēde, lō, hēr-anont remedie & salve. Alle cunneþ wel pēos asaumple. A mon þet lēie ine prisūne, & ȝuhte mūche raunsūn, & o nōne wīse ne schulde ne ne mūhte ūt, būte ȝif hit wēre vor te hōngen, ēr hē hefde al his raunsūn fulliche ipaied,—nolde hē cunnen gōd þonc ane 5 monne þet wurpe upon him a bigūrdel full of ponewes vor te acwiten & areimen him mide, & alēsen him ūt of pīne, þauh hē wurpe hit ful herde agein his heorte? Al þet hūrt & al þet sōre wēre vorȝiten & forȝiven vor glēdnesse. Al riht o pisse wīse wē bēoþ alle ine prisūne hēr, & ȝwen God greate 10 dettes of sūnnen; & for-þī wē ȝēieþ tō him i þe paternoster, *dimitte nobis debita nostra*: ‘Lōuerd,’ wē sigȝeþ, ‘forȝif us ūre dettes, alsȝ ase wē vorȝiveþ tō ūre dettūrs.’ Wōuh þet me misdēþ us, ȝper of wōrd ȝper of werc, þet is ūre raunsūn þet wē schulen areimen us mide, & acwiten ūre dettes tōu- 15 ward ūre Lōverd, þet bēoþ ūre sūnnen; vor wiþūte cwitaunce up of his prisūne nis nōn inumen, þet hē ne biþ anhōnged, ȝper ine purgatorie, ȝper i þe pīne of helle. Ant ūre Lōverd stūlf seiþ, *Dimitte, & dimittetur vobis*: ‘forȝif, & ichülle forȝive þē.’ & is as þauh hē seide, ‘þū ert andetted tōward mē 20 swūþe mid sūnnen; auh wūltu gōd foreward, al þet ȝuer ȝni mon misseiþ þē ȝper misdēþ þē, ichülle nimen hit onward þe dette þet tū ȝwest mē.’ Nū þeonne, þauh a wōrd cülle þē ful herde upo pīne heorte, & tē þūncheþ a-vormest þet hit hūrteþ pīne heorte, þenc ase þe prisūn wolde þet wēre ihturt 25 sōre mit te bigūrdle, & undervōng hit glēdliche uor te acwiten þē mide, & þonke him þet hit sende þē, þauh God ne kunne him nēuer þonc of his sōnde. Hē hermeþ him-stūlf & freomeþ¹ þē, ȝif þū const hit understōnden. Vor, ase David seiþ. swūþe wel mid alle, ‘God dēþ in his tresōr þēo unwrēste & 30 te tūele vor te hūren mid ham, ase me dēþ mid garsume þēo þet wel vihteþ. Eft, an oþer halve, þe pellicān is a fūel þet

¹ froemeð.

haveþ an oþer cūnde ; þæt is, þæt hit is ēver leane. Vor-þi ase ich ēr seide, Davīd efneðe him þēr-tō in ancre persōne, & ine ancre stefne : *Similis factus sum pellicano solitudinis*. ‘Ich am a pellicān ilīche, þæt wunep bī him ōne ;’ & ancre ōuh þus
 5 tō siggēn, & bēon ilīche þe pellicān anont þæt hit is leane. *Judit clausa in cubiculo jejunabat omnibus diebus vite sue, &c.* Iūdit bitūnd inne, ase hit telleþ in hire bōc, lēdde swūþe hērd lif, vēste, & werede heare. Iūdit bitūnd inne bitōcneþ ancre bitūnd, þæt ōuhte lēden hērd lif, ase dūde þe lēfdi Iūdit, efter
 10 hire efne, & nōt ase swīn ipūnd ine stī vor te vētten & for te greaten aȝein þe cūl of þer eax.

LOVE.

Seinte Pōwel witneþ þæt alle uttre hērdships, & alle vlesshes pīnunge, & alle licomes swinckes, al is ase nōt aȝean lue, þæt schīreþ & brihteþ þe heorte. *Exercitatio*
 15 *corporis ad modicum valet ; pietas autem valet ad omnia : þæt is, ‘Licomliche bisischepe is tō lūtel wurþ ; auh swōte & schīr heorte is gōd tō alle pīnges.’ Si tradidero corpus meum ita ut ardeam : si linguis hominum loquar et angelorum ; et si distribuero omnes facultates meas in cibos pauperum, caritatem*
 20 *autem non habeam, nichil mihi prodest.* ‘Þauh ich kūþe,’ hē seiþ, ‘alle monne lēdene & englene ; and þauh ich dūde o mīne bodie alle þe pīnen & alle þe passiūns þæt bodi mūhte polien ; and þauh ich ȝēve pōvre men al þæt ich hefde ; but ȝif ich hefde lue þēr-mide tō God & to alle men, in him &
 25 for him, al wēre aspilled ;’ vor, ase þe hōli abbod Moisés seide, ‘Al þæt wō & al þæt hērdships¹ þæt wē polieþ of flēsche, & al þe gōd þæt wē ēuer dōþ, alle swūche pīnges ne bēoþ būten ase lōmen uor te tilien mide þe heorte. Ȝif eax ne

¹ herschipe.

kurve, ne þe spade ne dulve, ne þe suluh ne erede, hwō
 kepte ham vor te hōlden?’ Alsō ase nō mon ne luvēþ
 lōmen vor ham sūlven, auh dēþ for þe þīnges þet me wūrcheþ
 mid ham, riht alsō nō vlēsshes derf nis for te luvien būte
 vor-þī-þet God þe raþer lōke þiderward mid his grāce, and 5
 makie þe heorte schīr & of brihte sihþe, þet nōn ne mei
 habben mid monglunge of unþeauwes, ne mid eorþlich luvē
 of worldliche þīnges / vor þis mōng wōreth sō þe ēien of þe
 heortē þet hēo ne mei iknōwen God, ne glēdien of his sihþe.
 ‘Schīr heorte,’ ase Seint Bernard seiþ, ‘makeþ twō þīnges : þet 10
 tū, al þet þū dēst, dō hit ōþer vor luvē ōne of God, ōþer vor ōþres
 gōd, & for his bihēve.’ Have, in al þet tū dēst, ōn of þeos
 twō ententes, ōþer bō tōgēderes : vor þe latere valleþ intō þe
 vorme. Have ēver schīr heorte þus, & dō al þet tū wilt ;
 have wōri heorte, & al þe sit ūvele. *Omnia munda mundis, 15*
coinquinatis vero nichil est mundum ; Apostolus. St. Augus-
 tinus : *Habe karitatem et fac quicquid vis : voluntate, videlicet,*
rationis. Vor-þī mīne lēove sūstren, over alle þīng bēoþ bisie vor
 te habben schīr heorte. Hwat is schīr heorte ? Ich hit habbe
 iseid ēr : þet is, þet gē nō þīng ne wilnen, ne ne luvien būte 20
 God ōne, and þeo ilke þīnges, vor God, þet helpeþ ōu tōu-
 ward him. Vor God, ich sigge, luvien ham, & nōt for ham
 sūlven—ase mete, & clōþ, and mon ōþer wūmmon þet gē
 bēoþ of igōded. Vor, ase Seint Austin seiþ, & spekeþ þus
 tō ūre Lōverd, *Minus te amat qui preter te aliquid amat quod 25*
non propter te amat : þet is, ‘Lōverd, lēsse hēo luvieþ þē þet
 luvieþ ōut būte þē, būte gif hēo luvien hit for þē.’ Schīrnesse
 of heorte is Godes luvē ōne. I pissen is al þe strenče of
 alle religiūns, and þe ēnde of alle ordres. *Plenitudo legis est*
dilectio. ‘Luvē fülleþ þe lawe,’ hē seiþ, Seinte Pōwel. *Quic- 30*
quid precipitur in sola caritate solidatur. ‘Alle Godes hēsten,’
 ase Seint Gregōrie seiþ, ‘bēoþ ine luvē irōted.’ Luvē ōne
 schal bēon ileid ine Seinte Mihēles wēie. Þeo þet mēst

luvieþ, þeo schullen bēon mēst iblisced, nōut þeo þet lēdeþ¹
 hēðest lif; vor luve overweip hit. Luve is heovene stīward
 vor hire mūchele vrēoschipe, vor hēo ne ęthalt nō þīng, auh
 hēo gīveþ al þet hēo haveþ, & ēc hire sūlven: elles God ne
 5 kepte nōut of al þet hire wēre.

God haveþ ofgōn ūre luve on alle künne wīsen. Hē
 haveþ mūchel idōn us, & mōre bihōten. Mūchel geove of-
 draweþ luve; me mūchel geþ hē us: al þene world hē geþ us
 in Adām ūre veder; and al þet is i þe worlde hē weþp under
 10 ūre vēt—bēstes & fūeles, ear wē wēren vorgūlte. *Omnia*
subjecisti sub pedibus ejus, oves et boves universas, insuper et
pecora campi, volucres celi et pisces maris, &c. And zet al þet
 is, ase is þēr-uppe iseid, serveþ þe gōde, tō þe sōule bihēve;
 zete þe tūele serveþ eorþe, seea, & sunne. Zet hē dūde
 15 mōre: hē geþ us nōut ōne of his, auh dūde al him sūlven.
 Sō hēih geove nēs nēver īgīven tō sō lōuwe wrecches. Apos-
 tolus: *Christus dilexit ecclesiam et dedit semetipsum pro ea*:
 Seinte Pōwel seiþ, ‘Crist luvede sō his lēofmon þet hē geþ
 for hire þe prīs of him sūlven.’ Nimeþ gōd gēme, mīne
 20 lēove sūstren, vor-hwī me ōuh him tō luvien. Ērest, ase a
 mon þet wōweþ—ase a king þet luvede ōne lēfdi of feorrene
 lōnde, and sēnde hire his sōndesmen bivoren, þet wēren þe
 patriarkes & þe prophētes of þe Ōlde Testament, mid lettres
 isealed. A-last hē cōm him sūlven, and brouhte þet gospel
 25 ase lettres iopened, and wrōt mid his ōwune blōde salūz tō
 his lēofmon of luve-grētunge, vor te wōwen hire mide, & for
 te wēlden hire luvē. Hēr-tō valleþ a tale, and ōn iwriēn
 vorbīsne.

A lēfdi was þet was mid hire voan biset al abūten, and hire
 30 lōnd al destrūed, & hēo al pōvre, wipinnen ōne eorþene
 castle. Ōn mihti kīnges luve was þauh bitūrnd upon hire,

¹ leðet.

sō unimēte swūpe þet hē vor wōuhlecchunge sēnde hire his
 sōnden, ƿn ęfter ƿper, and ofte somed monie ; & sēnde hire
 beaubelez bōpe veole & feire, and sukurs of livenep, & help
 of his hēie hīrd tō hōlden hire castel. Hēo undervēng al ase
 ƿn unrecheleas þīng, þet was sō herd-iheorted þet hire luve 5
 ne mūhte hē nēver bēon þe nēorre. Hwat wūlt-tu mōre?
 Hē cōm him sūlf a-last, and scheawede hire his feire neb, ase
 þē þet was of alle men vēirest for tō bihōlden, and spēc
 swūpe swēteliche, & sō mūrie wōrdes þet hēo mūhten þe
 deade arearen vrom deape tō live. And wrouhte veole 10
 wundres, and dūde veole meistries bivoren hire ēihshpe ; &
 scheawede hire his mihten ; tōlde hire of his kinedōme ; and
 bead for tō makien hire cwēne of al þet hē ƿuhte. Al þis ne
 hēlp nōut. Nęs þis wunderlich hoker? Vor hēo nęs nēver
 wurpe vor te bēon his schelchīne. Auh sō, þuruh his debo- 15
 nertē, luve hēfde overkumen hine þet hē seide on ēnde :
 ‘ Dāme, þū ęrt iweorred, & þīne vōn bēop sō strōnge þet tū
 ne meiht nōnes-weis wipūten sukurs of mē ętflēon hore
 hōnden, þet hēo ne dōn þē tō scheomefule deape. Ichchülle
 vor þe luve of þē nimen þis fiht upon mē, and aredden þē of 20
 ham þet sēchep þīne deap. Ich wōt þauh for sōpe þet ich
 schal bitwēonen ham undervōngen deapes wūnde ; and ich
 hit wūlle heorteliche vor tō ofgōn þīne heorte. Nū, þeonne,
 bisēche ich þē, vor þe luve þet ich kūpe þē, þet tū luvie mē,
 hūre & hūre, ęfter þen ilke deape dead¹, hwon þū noldes 25
 līves.’ Þes king dūde al þus : aredde hire of alle hire vōn,
 and was himsūlf tō wundre itūked, and isleien on ēnde.
 Þuruh mirācle, þauh, hē arōs from deape tō live. Nēre þeos
 ilke lēfdi of ūvele kūnnes kūnde, gif hēo over alle þīng ne
 luve him hēr-ęfter?

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Þes king is Iēsu Crīst, Godes sune, þet al o þisse wīse

¹ dead deade.

wōwude ūre sōule, þæt þe dēoflen hēueden biset. And hē, ase
 nōble wōware, eft̃er monie messagērs, & feole gōddēden, cōm
 vor tō prēoven his luve, and scheauwede þuruh knihtschipe
 þæt hē was luwewurpe; ase wēren sumewhūle knihtes iwuned
 5 for tō dōnne. Hē dūde him ine turnement, & hēfde vor his
 lēofmonnes luve his schēld ine vihte, ase kēne kniht, on ēueriche
 half ipūrlēd. Þis schēld þæt wrēih his Godhēd was his lēove
 licome þæt was isprēd o rōde, brōd ase schēld buven in his
 istreihthe earmes, and nēruh bineopen, ase þe ǫn vōt, eft̃er þæt
 10 me wēneþ, sēte upon þe ǫper vōte. Þæt þis schēld naveþ nōne
 sīden is for tō bitǫcnen þæt his decīples, þæt schulden stōnden
 bī him, and ibēon his sīden, vluwen alle vrom him, & bilēfden
 him ase vreomede; ase þe gospel seiþ, *Relicto eo, omnes fuge-*
runt. Þis schēld is iǵiven us aȝean alle temptaciūns, ase Jeremiē
 15 witneþ: *Dabis scutum cordis, laborem tuum;* & Psalmista:
Scuto bone voluntatis tue coronasti nos. Þis schēld ne schilt us
 nōt ǫne vrom alle tūeles, auh dēþ ȝet mōre: hit krūneþ us
 in heovene. *Scuto bone voluntatis tue,* ‘Lōverd,’ hē seiþ, Davīþ,
 ‘mid þe schēlde of þīne gōde wille þū havest ikrūned us.’
 20 Schēld hē seiþ of gōde wille, vor willes hē polede al þæt hē
 polede. Ysaia: *Oblatus est quia voluit.* Me, Lōverd, þū
 seist, hwar-tō? Ne mūhte hē mid lēsse grēf habben ared us?
 ȝē siker, ful lihtliche; auh hē nolde. Hware-vore? Vor te
 binimen us ēuerich bitellunge aȝean him of ūre luve, þæt hē
 25 sō dēore bouhte. Me būþ lihtliche a þīng þæt me luveþ
 lūtel. Hē bouhte us mid his heorte blōde—dēorre prīs nēs
 nēuer—vor te ofdrawen of us ūre luve tōward him, þæt kost-
 nede him sō dēore. Ine schēlde bēoþ prēo þīnges, þæt trēo,
 and þæt leþer, & þe peintunge. Al sō was i þisse schēlde—
 30 þæt trēo of þe rōde, & þæt leþer of Godes licome, and þe
 peintunge of þe reade blōde þæt hēowede hire sō uēire. Eft̃,
 þe þridde reisūn. Eft̃er kēne knihtes deape me hōngeþ hēie
 ine chirche his schēld on his mūnegunge. Al sō is þis

schēld, þæt is, þæt crūcifix, iset ine chirche, ine swūche stūde
 þæt me hit sōnest isēo, vor tō þenchen þēr-bī o Jēsu Cristes
 knihtschipe þæt hē dūde o rōde. His lēofmon bihōlde þēr-
 on hwū hē bouhte hire luve, and lette þūrlen his schēld : þæt
 is, lette openen his side vor te scheawen hire his heorte, and 5
 for tō scheawen hire openliche hwū inwardliche hē luvede
 hire, and for tō ofdrawen hire heorte.

Vōur heavedluven me ivint ī þisse worlde : bitwēonen
 gōde ivēren þe vormeste is ; bitwēonen mon & wūmmon þe
 ōper is ; bitwēonen wif & hire child þe þridde is ; bitwēonen 10
 licome & sōule. Þēo luve þæt Jēsu Crist haveþ tō his dēore
 lēofmon overgēþ ham alle vōure, & passeþ ham alle. Ne
 telleþ me him gōd fēolawe þæt leiþ his wed ine Ġiwerīe vor
 tō acwīten ūt his fēre? God Almihti leide him-sūlf vor us
 ine Ġiwerīe, and dūde his dēorewurpe bodi vor to acwiten ūt 15
 his lēofmon of Ġiwene hōnden. Nēuer vēre swūch forþede¹
 ne dūde vor ōwune vēre. Mūchel luve is ofte bitwēonen
 mon & wūmmon. Auh þauh hēo wēre iwedded him, hēo
 mūhte iwurpen sō unwrēst, þæt, tauh hēo wolde kumen aȝean,
 hē ne kepte hire nōut. And for-þī Crist luveþ mōre : vor hē 20
 seiþ al ðei, ‘ þū þæt havest sō unwrēsteliche idōn, bitūrn þē,
 and cum aȝean ; wilkume schaltu bēon mē.’ *Immo, et oc-
 currit prodigo venienti.* Ĵet hē eorneþ, hit seiþ, aȝean hire
 ȝankume, and worpeþ earmes an-ōn abūten hire swēore.
 Hwat is mōre milce? Nū of þe þridde luve. Child þæt 25
 heȝuede swūch tūvel þæt him bihōvede beþ of blōde ēr hit wēre
 ihēled, mūchel luvede þe mōder hit þæt wolde him þis beþ
 makien. Þis dūde ūre Lōverd us, þæt wēren sō sīke of sūnne,
 & sō istiled þēr-mide, þæt nō þīng ne mūhte hēlen us ne
 clensen us būte his blōd ōne ; vor sō hē hit wolde ; his luve 30
 makede us beþ þēr-of ; iblesced bēo hē ġeure ! Hē luveþ us

¹ fordede.

mōre þen ēni mōder dēp hire child. Hē hit seiþ him-sūlf
 þuruh Isaie : *Nunquid potest mater oblivisci filii uteri sui?*
 ‘Mēi mōder vorgiten hire child?’ hē seiþ, ‘and tauh hēo dō,
 ich ne mēi vorgiten nēver :’ and seiþ þe reisūn eft̃er, hware-
 5 vore : *In manibus meis descripsi te.* ‘Ich habbe,’ hē seiþ,
 ‘depeint þē i mīne hōnden.’ Sō hē dūde mid reade blōde
 upo þe rōde. Mon knūt his kūrtel vor te habben pouht of
 ōne þīnge ; auh ūre Lōverd, vor hē nolde nēuer vorgiten us,
 hē dūde merke of þūrlunge ine bōtwō his hōnden. Nū of þe
 10 vēorþe luve. Þe sōule luveþ þet bodi swūþe mid alle ; & þet
 is ēpcēne i þe twinnunge ; vor lēove vrēond bēoþ sōrie hwon
 hēo schulen twinnen. Auh ūre Lōverd willeliche tōtwea-
 mede his sōule vrom his bodie vor tō vēien ūre bōþe tōgē-
 deres, world ā būten ēnde, i þe blisse of heovene. Þus, lō!
 15 Jēsu Crīstes luve tōward his dēore spūse, þet is, hōli chirche,
 ōþer þe cleane sōule, passeþ alle, & overkumep þe vōur
 mōste luven þet me ivint on eorþe. Mid al þisse luve ȝet hē
 wōweþ hire o þisse wīse.

‘Þi luve,’ hē seiþ, ūre¹ Lōverd, ‘ōþer hēo is for tō given
 20 allunge, ōþer hēo is for tō stīllen, ōþer hēo is for tō reaven &
 tō nimen mid strenþe. Ȝif hēo is for tō given, hwar mēiht-tu
 bitēon hire betere þen upon mē? Nam ich þīnge vēirest?
 Nam ich kinge richest? Nam ich hēixst ikūnned? Nam
 ich weore² wīsest? Nam ich monne hēndest? Nam ich
 25 monne vrēoest? Vor sō me seiþ bī large monne, þet hē ne
 con nōt ȝthōlden—þet hē haveþ þe hōnden, ase mīne bēoþ,
 iþūrlēd. Nam ich alre þīnge swōtest & swētest? Þus, alle
 þe reisūns hwui me ōuh for tō given luve þū mēiht ivīnden in
 mē ; nomeliche, ȝif þū luvest chāste clēnnesse ; vor nōn ne
 30 mēi luvien mē būte hēo hōlde hire. Ȝif þi luve nis nōt for

¹ urre.² weolic.

tō gīven, auh wūlt allegate þæt me būgge hire ; dō, seie hwui :
 ȝper mid ȝper luve ȝper mid sumhwat elles ? Me sūlleþ wel
 luve vor luve ; and sō me ȝuh for tō stūllen luve, & for nōne
 þīnge elles. Ȝif þīn luve is sō tō stūllen, ich habbe ibouht
 hire mid luve over alle ȝpre. Vor of þe vōur mēste lūven 5
 ich habbe iktūd tōward þē þe mēste of ham alle. And ȝif þū
 seist þæt tū nūlt nōut lēten þēr-on sō liht cheap, auh wūltu
 ȝet mōre ; nem hwat hit schule bēon : sete feor o þīne luve.
 Þū ne schalt siggen sō mūchel þæt ich nūlle ȝīven þē, vor
 þīne luve, mūchele mōre. Wūltu kastles and kinedōmes ? 10
 Wūltu wēlden al þene world ? Ichchūlle dōn þē betere : ich-
 chūlle makien þē, mid al þis, cwēne of heovene. Þū schalt
 bēon seovenvōld brihtre þen þe sunne ; nōn tūvel ne schal
 hērmen þē ; nō þīng ne schal sweamen þē ; nō wūnne ne
 schal wonten þē ; al þī wille schal bēon iwrouht in heovene 15
 & in eorþe ; ȝē, and ȝet ine helle. Ne schal nēuer heorte
 þenchen swūch sēluhþe, þæt ich nūlle ȝīven vor þīne luve,
 unimēteliche and unēndeliche mōre : al Krēsules weole ;
 and Absalōnes schēne wlite, þæt ase ofte ase me evesede him,
 me sōlde his evesunge—þēo hēr þæt me kērf of—vor twō 20
 hundred sicles of seolvre ; Asaēles swiftschipe, þæt strōf wīþ
 heortes overtūrn ; Samsōnes strence, þæt slōuh a þūsund of
 his fōn al ȝet ȝne tīme, & ȝne, būte vēre ; Cēsares vrēoschipe ;
 Alisaundres herewōrd ; Moisēs heale. Nolde a mon, vor
 ȝn of þēos, ȝīven al þæt he ȝuhte ? And alle þēos þīnges 25
 somed, aȝean mine bode, ne bēoþ nōut wurþ a nēlde. And,
 ȝif þū ert sō swūpe ȝnwil, & sō ūt of þīne witte þæt tū, þuruh
 nōut tō vorlēosen, vorsakest swūch bigeate mid alle kūnnes
 sēluhþe, lō ! ich hōlde hēr hetel swēord over þīn heaved, vor
 tō dealen lif & sōule, and tō bisenchen bōtwō intō þe fūr of 30
 helle. Onswere nū, & were þē, ȝif þū konst, aȝean mē, ȝper
 ȝette mē þīne luve þæt ich ȝīrne sō swūpe, nōut for mine,
 auh for þīn ȝwune mūchele bihēve.

Lō! þus ūre Lōverd wōweþ. Nis hēo tō hērd-iheorted
 þet a swūch wōware ne mei tūnnen hire luve tō him? and
 nomeliche gif hēo þencheþ þeos þreo þinges: hwat hē is;
 and hwat hēo is; & hwū mūchel is þe luve of sō hēih ase hē
 5 is tōward sō lōuh ase hēo is. Vor-þi seiþ þe psalmwūruhte:
Non est qui se abscondat a calore ejus. Nis nōn þet muwe
 etlūtien þet hēo ne mōt him luvien. / Þe sōþe sunne i þe un-
 derntīd¹ was for-þi istien on hēih o þe hēie rōde vor tō
 sprēden over al hōte luvegleames; þus nēodful hē was, & is
 10 vort tisse deie, tō ontēnden his luve in his lēoves heorte, and
 seiþ i þe gospelle: *Ignem veni mittere in terram, et quid volo
 nisi ut ardeat?* 'Ich cōm,' hē seiþ, 'vor tō bringen fūr intō
 eorþe, þet is, hērninde luve intō eorþliche heorten, & hwat
 gīrne ich elles būte þet hit blasie? Wlēch luve is him lōþ,
 15 ase hē seiþ þuruh Sein Jōhan i þe Apocalypse: *Utinam frigi-
 dus esses aut calidus; sed quia tepidus es, incipiam te evomere
 de ore meo.* 'Ich wolde,' hē seiþ tō his lēosmon, 'þet tū
 wēre i mīne luve oþer allunge cōld, oþer hōt mid alle; auh
 for-þi-þet tū ert ase wlēch bitwēonen twō, nōuþer cōld ne hōt,
 20 þū makest mē vor tō wlatien; and ichchtūlle spēouwen þe ūt,
 būte gif þu iwurþe hattre.'

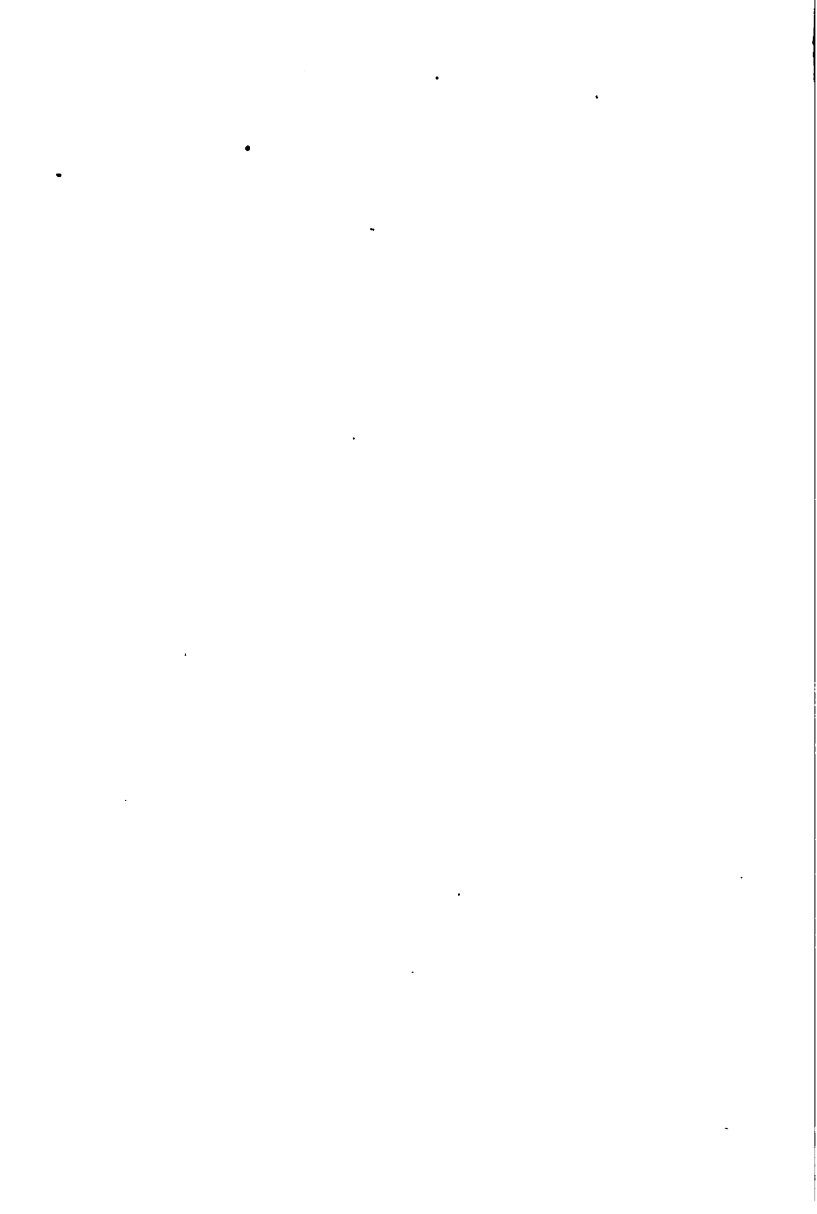
Nū gē habbeþ ihērd, mīne lēove sūstren, hū, & for hwī,
 God is swūpe tō luvien. And, for tō ontēnden ōu wel,
 gēdereþ wude þēr-tō, mid þe pōvre wūmmon of Sarepte þe
 25 buruh, þet speleþ ontēndunge: *En, inquit, colligo duo ligna.*
 'Lōverd,' cwēþ hēo tō Elie, þe hōlie prophēte, 'lō! ich gē-
 dere twō trēon.' Þeos twō trēon bitōcneþ þet o trēou þet
 stōd upriht, and tēt oþer ek þet ēode pvertover of þe dēore
 rōde. Of þeos twō trēon ge schulen ontēnden fūr of luve
 30 wīþinnen ōwer heorte. Bisēoþ ofte tōward ham. Þencheþ
 gif gē ne oþwen eaþe to luvien þene king of blisse þet tōspret

¹ undertid.

sō tōward ōu his ērmes, and būhþ, ase vor tō bēoden cos,
 adūneward his heaved. Sikerliche ich sigge hit, þæt gif þe
 sōþe Elie, þæt is, God Almihti, ivint ōu þeos twō trēon bisi-
 liche gēderinde, hē wūle gistnen mid ōu, and monivōlden in
 ōu his dēorewurþe grāce, ase Elie dūde þe pōvre wūmmone 5
 livenep, and gistnede mid hire þæt hē ivōnd þe twō trēon
 gēderinde i Sarepte.

THE NUNS ARE TO KEEP NO BEAST
 BUT A CAT.

Ʒē, mīne lēove sūstren, ne schulen habben nō bēst, būte
 kat ōne. Ancre þæt haveþ ēihtē pūnceþ bet hūsewif, ase
 Marthe was, þen ancre; ne nōne-weis ne mēi hēo bēon Mārie 10
 mid griþfulnesse of heorte. Vor þeonne mōt hēo þenchen
 of þe kūes foddre, and of hēordemonne huire, ōluhnen þene
 hēiward, warien hwon me pūnt hire, & Ʒēlden, þauh, þe
 hērmes. Wāt Crīst, þis is lōdlich þīng hwon me makeþ
 mōne in tūne of ancre ēihtē. Þauh, Ʒif ēni mōt nēde habben 15
 kū, lōke þæt hēo nōne monne ne eilie, ne ne hērmie; ne
 þæt hire þouht ne bēo nōut þēr-on ivēstned. Ancre ne ōuh
 nōut tō habben nō þīng þæt drawe ūtward hire heorte. Nōne
 cheffare ne drīve Ʒē. Ancre þæt is cheapild, hēo cheapeþ
 hire sōule þe chēpmon of helle. Ne wite Ʒē nōut in ōure 20
 hūse of ōþer monnes þīnges, ne ēihtē, ne clōpes; ne nōut ne
 undervō Ʒē þe chirche vestimenz, ne þene caliz, būte Ʒif
 strenþe hit makie, ōþer mūchel eie; vor of swūche witunge
 is ikumen mūchel tūvel ofte-sīþen.



THE ORMULUM.

(East Midland Dialect, about 1200.)

GRAMMAR.

ALTHOUGH the Ormulum is probably even older than the Ancren Riwe, the existing MS. being in the author's own hand, its grammar is much simpler, while the vocabulary shows hardly any French, but considerable Norse, influence.

SPELLING AND SOUNDS.

The most characteristic feature of Orm's spelling is the consistency with which he has introduced doubled consonants to show shortness of the preceding vowel. This he does regularly whenever the consonant is final, or followed by another consonant, as in *þatt*, *crisstenndom*; and he was able to do so because the O. E. distinction between double and single final consonants was lost (see p. 3); where the consonant is followed by a vowel, as in *sune* 'son,' it was not possible to double the consonant, because in that position it would have been pronounced double, so that *sune* would have been confounded with *sunne* 'sun.' But in such cases he often puts a short mark over the vowel, as in *tākenn* 'to take,' *chēle* 'chill,' or an accent to show length, as in *lāre* 'lore,' which is often doubled, or even trebled, especially before *t*.

We have a further guide to the quantity. Every second line of Orm's verse ends in an unaccented syllable, preceded by an accented one, which is always long, either by having two consonants, as in *sette*, *wille*, or, if there is but one consonant, a long vowel, as in *wise*, *writenn*, *mōderr*; such words as *writenn* 'written,' *faderr*, never come at the end of the line in the Ormulum.

The spelling of the Orm. shows hardly any French influence. The O. E. *æ* is kept to denote the long *ē*, and, like the *ea* of the A. R., is never used for short *e*. The O. E. *f* is kept, though in this dialect it probably had, together with *þ* (*ð* occurs very seldom in the Orm.) and *s*, the present voiceless sound initially. *sh* is written for the *sch* of the A. R. The diphthongs are written with *ȝ* and *w* instead of *i* and *u*.

The following are the main points in which the sounds of the Orm. differ from those of the A. R.

O. E. *ā* is kept unchanged, except that it is sometimes shortened, as in *hāl* 'whole,' *hallȝhenn* 'hallow.'

O. E. short *æ*, *ea* regularly become *a*, as in *þatt* 'that,' *affterr* 'after,' *harrd* (O. E. *heard*) 'hard.' Also in the diphthong *aȝȝ*, as in *dazȝȝ* (O. E. *dæg*) 'day.'

O. E. *y*, *ȝ* become *i*, *ī*, as in *sinne* 'sin,' *kīþenn* 'make known.'

eo, *ēo* are also written without the *o*, and are, perhaps, to be pronounced as simple *e*, *ē*.

In the consonants we find the medial *w* (=O. E. *g*) of the A. R. represented by *ȝh* (*hȝh*), as in *āȝhenn* 'own' adj., *folȝhenn* 'follow,' probably with the open sound of German *g* in *sagen*. After *e* and *i*, where A. R. has *i*, as in *lēȝhenn* (*liēn*, A. R.) 'tell lies,' *berȝhen* 'save,' it probably had a more palatal sound. *ȝh* in *ȝhō* 'she' (O. E. *hēo*) probably represented the sound of German *ch* in *ich*.

The Orm. has *c* instead of the *ch* of the A. R. in many words, such as *kirrke* 'church,' *whille* 'which.'

The change of *þatt þatt* into *þatt tatt*, &c. is carried out with perfect regularity in the Orm.

The metre of the Orm. requires that a final vowel should be dropped before a word beginning with a vowel, or such a subordinate word as *hiss* 'his,' whose *h* was probably silent. Sometimes the vowel is dropped in writing, sometimes not.

INFLECTIONS.

The substantives have lost nearly all traces of grammatical gender, and are mostly declined as in Mod. E.: *wōrd*, for instance, having no inflection but *wōrdess* for the gen. sing. and the plural; *mann* has gen. sing. *mannes*, plur. *menn*, gen. pl. *menness*. A dative in *-e* sometimes occurs, as in *tō manne*. The fem. gen. sing. in *-e* also occurs in such collocations as *ūre sāwle nēde* 'our soul's need.' *þēod* 'people' keeps the O. E. plur. *þēode*. *wāwe* 'woe' still has a weak plur. *wāwenn*. Among the irregular plurals note *chīld* 'child,' *chilldre*; *gāt* 'goat,' *gæt*.

The only inflection that the adjectives retain is the *e* of the plural and of the weak declension, as in *mīne wōrdess*, *þatt lāþe flocc* 'the hateful multitude.'

The pronouns are as follows:—

icc, *ī* 'I,' *mē*; *wē*, *uss*.

þū 'thou,' *þē*; *ʒē*, *ʒūw*.

hē 'he,' *himm*; *itt* 'it,' *himm* and *itt*; *ʒhō* 'she,' *hire*;

þeʒʒ 'they,' *þeʒʒm*.

The Orm. also preserves the two old duals, of which only the first occurs in our extracts: *witt* 'we-two,' *unnc*.

The possessives are :—

mī(n), *pī(n)*; *ūre*, *zūre*; *hiss*, *hire*; *hezze* and *he(o)re*, together with the dual *unnkerr* 'of us-two.'

The def. art. is *þe* and *þatt*, and is undeclined.

In the verbs the most characteristic feature is the plural pres. as well as pret. in *-en* instead of the *-eþ* of the A. R.: *wilt hafenn* 'we-two have' (A. R. *habbeþ*). The *n* of the infin. and the partic. pret. of the strong verbs is never dropped. The partic. pret. drops the original *ge-*.

The second conj. of weak verbs drops its *i* throughout: *icc lufe* 'I love,' *þezze lufenn* 'they love.'

EXTRACTS.

DEDICATION.

Nū, brōperr Wallterr, brōperr mīn
affterr þe flæshess kīnde ;
ᵹ¹ brōperr mīn ī Crisstenndōm
þurh fulluhht ᵹ þurh trowwþe ;
ᵹ brōperr mīn ī Godess hūs, 5
ᵹēt ō þe pride wīse,
þurh þatt witt hafenn tākenn bā
ān reghellbōc tō follghenn,
unnderr kanunnkess hād ᵹ lif,
swā summ Sannt Awstīn sette ; 10
icc hafe dōn swā summ þū badd,
ᵹ fōrþedd te þīn wille,
icc hafe wennd inntill Ennglissh
goddspelless hallghe lāre,
affterr þatt little witt þatt mē 15
mīn Drihhtīn hafeþþ lēnedd.
þū þohhtesst tatt itt mīhhte wēl
till mikell frame turrenn,
ᵹiff Ennglissh folc, forr lufe off Crist,
itt wollde ᵹērne lērenn, 20
ᵹ follghenn itt, ᵹ fillenn itt
wiþþ þohht, wiþþ wōrd, wiþþ dēde.

- 7 forr-þī ǵerrndesst tū þatt icc
 þiss werre þē sholde wirrkenn;
 7 icc itt hafe fōrþedd tē, 25
 acc all þurh Crīstess hellpe;
 7 unnc birrþ bāpe þannkenn Crīst
 þatt itt iss brohht till ēnde.
 icc hafe sammnedd ō þiss boc
 þā Goddspelless nēh alle, 30
 þatt sinndenn ō þe messebōc
 inn all þe ǵēr att messe.
 7 aǵǵ affterr þe Goddspell stannt
 þatt tatt te Goddspell mēneþþ,
 þatt mann birrþ spellenn tō þe folle 35
 off þeǵǵre sāwle nēde;
 7 ǵēt tær tēkenn mære inōh
 þū shallt tæronne fīndenn,
 off þatt tatt Crīstess hallǵhe þēd
 birrþ trowwenn wēl 7 follǵhenn. 40
 Icc hafe sett hēr ō þiss bōc
 amāng Goddspelless wōrdess,
 all þurh mē sellfenn, manīǵ wōrd
 þe rīme swā tō fillenn;
 acc þū shallt fīndenn þatt mīn wōrd, 45
 eǵǵwhær þær itt iss ēkedd,
 maǵǵ hellpenn þā þatt rēdenn itt
 tō sēn 7 tunnderrstanndenn
 all þess te bettere, hū þeǵǵm birrþ
 þe Goddspell unnderrstanndenn; 50
 7 forr-þī trowwe icc þat tē birrþ
 wēl þolenn mīne wōrdess,
 eǵǵwhær þær þū shallt fīndenn hemm
 amāng Goddspelless wōrdess.
 forr whā se mōt tō læwedd folle 55
 lārspell off Goddspell tellenn,

hē mōt wēl ēkenn manīg wōrd
 amāng Goddspelless wōrdess.
 ȝ icc ne mihhte nohht mīn ferrs
 aȝȝ wiȝȝ Goddspelless wōrdess 60
 wēl fillenn all, ȝ all forr-ȝī
 sholde icc well offte nēde
 amāng Goddspelless wōrdess dōn
 mīn wōrd, mīn ferrs tō fillenn.
 ȝ tē bitæche icc off ȝiss bōc, 65
 hēh wīkenn alls itt sēmeȝȝ,
 all tō ȝurhsēkenn ilc ān ferrs,
 ȝ tō ȝurhlōkenn offte,
 ȝatt upponn all ȝiss bōc ne bē
 nān wōrd ȝæn Crīstess lāre, 70
 nān wōrd tatt swīȝe wēl ne bē
 tō trowwenn ȝ tō follȝhenn.
 Witt shulenn tredenn unnderr fōt
 ȝ all ȝwerret-ūt forrwerppenn
 ȝe dōm off all ȝatt lāȝe flocc, 75
 ȝatt iss ȝurh nīȝ forrblēndedd,
 ȝatt tæleȝȝ ȝatt tō lofenn iss,
 ȝurh nīȝfull mōdīȝnesse.
 ȝeȝȝ shulenn lātenn hāȝelīȝ
 off unnkerr swinnc, lēf brōȝerr; 80
 ȝ all ȝeȝȝ shulenn takenn itt
 onn unnitt ȝ onn īdell;
 acc nohht ȝurh skill, acc all ȝurh nīȝ,
 ȝ all ȝurh ȝeȝȝre sinne.
 ȝ unnc birrȝ biddenn Godd tatt hē 85
 forrȝife hemm hēre sinne;
 ȝ unnc birrȝ bāȝe lofenn Godd
 off ȝatt itt wass bigunnenn,
 ȝ ȝannkenn Godd tatt itt iss brohht
 till ēnde ȝurh hiss hellȝe; 90

forr itt magg hellpenn alle þā
 þatt blīpelike itt hērenn,
 7 lufenn itt, 7 follghenn itt
 wīpp þohht, wīpp wōrd, wīpp dēde.
 7 whā se wilenn shall þiss bōc 95
 Effi operr sīpe writenn,
 himm bidde icc þatt hē't wrīte rihht,
 swā summ þiss bōc himm tæchepp,
 all þwerret út affterr þatt itt iss
 uppō þiss firrste bīsne, 100
 wīpp all swille rīme alls hēr iss sett,
 wīpp all se fele wōrdess;
 7 tatt hē lōke wēl þatt hē
 ān bōcstaff wrīte twiggess,
 eƷƷwhær þær itt uppō þiss bōc 105
 iss wrītenn ō þatt wīse.
 Lōke hē wēl þatt hēt wrīte swā,
 forr hē ne magg nohht elless
 onn Ennglissh wrītenn¹ rihht te wōrd,
 þatt wite hē wēl tō sōpe. 110
 7 Ʒiff mann wile wīten whī
 icc hafe dōn þiss dēde,
 whī icc till Ennglissh hafe wennd
 Goddspelless hallghe lāre;
 icc hafe itt dōn forr-þī-þatt all 115
 Crisstene follkess berrhless
 iss lāng uppō þatt ān, þatt teƷƷ
 Goddspelless hallghe lāre
 wīpp fulle mahhte follghe rihht
 þurh þohht, þurh wōrd, þurh dēde. 120
 Forr all þatt æfre onn ērpe iss nēd
 Crisstene folc tō follghenn

¹ wrīttenn.

ī trowwþe, ī dēde, all tæcheþþ hemm
Goddspelless hallghe lāre.

ȝ forr-þī whā se lērneþþ itt 125

ȝ follgheþþ itt wiþþ dēde,

hē shall onn ēnde wurrþī bēn

þurh Godd tō wurrþenn borrgheenn.

ȝ tærfore hafe icc turnnedd itt

inntill Ennglisshe spæche, 130

forr þatt ī wolde blīpelīg

þatt all Ennglisshe lēde

wiþþ ære sholde lisstenn itt,

wiþþ herrte sholde itt trowwenn,

wiþþ tūnge sholde spellenn itt, 135

wiþþ dēde sholde itt follghenn,

tō winnenn unnderr Crisstenndōm

att Godd sōþ sāwle berrhless.

ȝ giff þezg wilenn hērenn itt,

ȝ follghenn itt wiþþ dēde, 140

icc hafe hemm hollpenn unnderr Crīst

tō winnenn þezgre berrhless.

ȝ ī shall hafenn for mīn swinn

Gōd lēn att Godd onn ēnde,

giff þatt ī, forr þe lufe off Godd 145

ȝ forr þe mēde off heffne,

hemm hafe itt inntill Ennglisshe wennd

forr þezgre sāwle nēde.

ȝ giff þezg all forrwerppenn itt,

itt turnneþþ hemm till sinne, 150

ȝ ī shall hafenn addledd mē

þe Lāferd Crīstess āre,

þurh þatt icc hafe hemm wrohht tiss bōc

tō þezgre sāwle nēde,

pohh þatt tezg all forrwerppenn itt 155

þurh þezgre mōdīgnesse.

Goddspell onn Ennglissh nemmedd iss
 gōd wōrd, ȝ gōd tīpennde,
 gōd errnde, forr-þī-þatt itt wass
 þurh hallȝhe Goddspellwrihhtess 160
 all wrohht ȝ writenn uppō bōc
 off Crīstess firrste¹ cōme,
 off hū sōþ Godd wass wurpenn mann
 forr all mannkinne nēde,
 ȝ off þatt mannkinn þurh hiss dæp 165
 wass lēsedd ūt off helle,
 ȝ off þatt hē wisslike rās
 þe þridde dazȝ off dæpe,
 ȝ off þatt hē wisslike stāh
 þā siþpenn upp till heffne, 170
 ȝ off þatt hē shall cumenn eft
 tō dēmenn alle þēde,
 ȝ forr tō ȝēldenn iwhillc mann
 afterr hiss āȝhenn dēde.
 Off all piss gōd uss brinnȝeþþ wōrd 175
 ȝ errnde ȝ gōd tīpennde
 Goddspell, ȝ forr-þī maȝȝ itt wēl
 gōd errnde bēn ȝehātenn.
 Forr mann maȝȝ uppō Goddspellbōc
 gōdnessess findenn seffne 180
 þatt ūre Lāferd Jēsu Crīst
 uss hafeþþ dōn onn ērpe,
 þurh þatt hē comm tō manne, ȝ þurh
 þatt hē warp mann onn ērpe.

 Forr ān gōdnesse uss hafeþþ dōn 185
 þe Lāferd Crīst onn ērpe,

¹ fisste.

þurh þatt hē comm tō wurþenn mann
 forr all mannkinn nēde.
 Ōþerr gōdnesse uss hafeþþ dōn
 þe Lāferrd Crīst onn ērþe, 190
 þurh þatt he was ī flumm Jorrdān
 fullhtnedd forr ūre nēde;
 forr þatt hē wollde uss waterrkinn
 till ūre fulluhht hallghenn,
 þurh þatt hē wollde bēn himm-sellf 195
 onn ērþe ī waterr fullhtnedd.
 Þe þridde gōd uss hafeþþ dōn
 þe Lāferrd Crīst onn ērþe,
 þurh þatt hē ʒaff hiss āghenn lif
 wiþþ all hiss fulle wille, 200
 tō þolenn dæp¹ ō rōdetrē
 sacclæs wiþþūtenn wrihhte,
 tō lēsenn mannkinn þurh hiss² dæp
 ūt off þe dēfless wālde.
 Þe fērþe gōd uss hafeþþ dōn 205
 þe Lāferrd Crīst onn ērþe,
 þurh þatt hiss hallghe sāwle stāh
 frā rōde dūn till helle,
 tō tākenn ūt off helle wā
 þā gōde sāwless alle, 210
 þatt haffdenn cwemmd himm ī þiss lif
 þurh sōþ unnshapīgnesse.
 Þe fīfte gōd uss hafeþþ dōn
 þe Lāferrd Crīst onn ērþe,
 þurh þatt hē rās forr ūre gōd 215
 þe þridde dæg off dæpe,
 ʒ lēt te posstless sēn himm wēl
 inn hiss mennisske kinde;

¹ dæþþ.² his.

forr þatt hē wolde fesstnenn swā
 sōþ trowwþe ī þeggre brēstess 220
 off þatt hē, wiss tō fulle sōþ,
 wass risenn upp off dæþe,
 ʒ ī þatt illke flæsh þatt wass
 forr uss ō rōde nazzledd;
 forr þatt hē wolde¹ fesstnenn wēl 225
 þiss trowwþe ī þeggre brēstess,
 hē lēt te posstless sēn himm wēl
 well offte-sīþe onn ērþe,
 wiþþinnenn daggess fowwertīg
 frā þatt hē rās off dæþe. 230
 Þe sexte gōd uss hafeþþ dōn
 þe Lāferrd Crīst onn ērþe,
 þurh þatt hē stāh forr ūre gōd
 upp inntill heffness blisse,
 ʒ sennde siþþenn Hālīg Gāst 235
 till hise Lērninngcnihhtess,
 tō frōfrenn¹ ʒ tō bēldenn hemm
 tō stanndenn ʒæn þe dēfell,
 tō gifenn hemm gōd witt inōh
 off all hiss hallghe lāre, 240
 tō gifenn hemm gōd lusst, gōd mahht,
 tō þolenn alle wāwenn,
 all forr þe lufe off Godd, ʒ nohht
 forr ērþlīg loff tō winnenn.
 Þe seffnde gōd uss shall ʒēt dōn 245
 þe Lāferrd Crīst onn ēnde,
 þurh þatt he shall ō Dōmess dagz
 uss gifenn heffness blisse,
 ʒiff þatt wē shulenn wurpī bēn
 tō findenn Godess āre. 250

¹ frofren.

Þuss hafepp ūre Lāferrd Crīst
 uss dōn gōdnessess seffne,
 þurh þatt tatt hē tō manne comm,
 tō wurrþenn mann onn ērþe.
 7 ō þatt hallghe bōc þatt iss 255
 apokalypsis nemmnedd
 uss wrāt te posstell Sannt Jōhān,
 þurh Hālīg Gāstess lāre,
 þatt hē sahh upp inn heffne ān bōc
 bisett wiþp seffne innseggless, 260
 7 sperrd swā swīþe wēl þatt itt
 ne mihhte nān wihht oppnenn¹,
 wiþþūtenn Godess hallghe Lāmb
 þatt hē sahh ēc inn heffne.
 7 þurh þā seffne innseggless wass 265
 rihht swīþe wēl bitācnedd
 þatt sefennfāld gōdleggþe þatt Crīst
 uss dide þurh hiss cōme;
 7 tatt nān wihht ne mihhte nohht
 oppnenn þā seffne innseggless, 270
 wiþþūtenn Godess Lāmb, þatt comm,
 forr þatt itt sholde tācnenn
 þatt nān wihht, nān enngell, nān mann,
 ne nāness kinness shaffte,
 ne mihhte þurh himm sellfenn þā 275
 seffne gōdnessess shæwenn
 ō mannkinn, swā þatt itt mannkinn
 off helle mihhte lēsenn,
 ne gifenn mannkinn lusst, ne mahht,
 tō winnenn heffness blisse. 280

7 all allswā se Godess Lāmb,
 all þurh hiss āghenn mahhte,

¹ opnenn.

lihhtlike mihhte 7 wēl inōh pā seffne innseggless oppnenn, all swā þe Lāferrd Jēsu Crīst,	285
all þurh his āghenn mahhte, wipp Faderr 7 wipp Hālīg Gāst ān Godd 7 all ān kinde, allswā rihht hē lihhtlike inōh 7 wēl wipp alle mihhte	290
ō mannkinn þurh himm sellfenn þā seffne gōdnessess shæwenn, swā þatt hē mannkinn wēl inōh off helle mihhte lēsenn, 7 gifenn mannkinn lufe 7 lusst,	295
7 mahht 7 witt 7 wille, tō stāndenn inn tō cwēmenn Godd, tō winnenn heffness blisse. 7 forr þatt hālīg Goddspellbōc all þiss gōdnesse uss shæweþþ,	300
þiss sefennfāld gōdlegg 7 þatt Crīst uss dide þurh hiss āre, forr-þī birrþ all Crisstene folc Goddspellless lāre follghenn. 7 tærfore hafe icc turnedd itt	305
inntill Ennglisshe spæche, forr þat ī wollde blīpelīg þatt all Ennglisshe lēde wipp ære sholde lisstenn itt, wipp herrte sholde itt trowwenn,	310
wipp tūnge sholde spellenn itt, wipp dēde sholde itt follghenn, tō winnenn unnderr Cristenndōm att Crīst sōþ sāwle berrhless. 7 Godd Allmahhtīg gife uss mahht 7 lusst 7 witt 7 wille,	315

tō follghenn þiss Ennglisshe bōc
 þatt¹ all iss hālīg lāre,
 swā þatt wē mōtenn wurrþi bēn
 tō brūkenn heffness blisse.

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Am[æn]. Am[æn]. Am[æn];
 Icc þatt tiss Ennglissh hafe sett
 Ennglisshe menn tō lāre,
 icc was þær þær i crisstnedd wass
 Orrmīn bī name nemmedd.
 7 icc Orrmīn full innwarrdlīg
 wipþ mūþ 7 ēc wipþ herrte
 hēr bidde þā Crisstene menn,
 þatt hērenn ōperr rēden
 þiss bōc, hemm bidde icc hēr þatt teẏẏ
 forr mē þiss bede biddenn,
 þatt brōþerr þatt tiss Ennglissh writt
 allr-æresst wrāt 7 wrohhte,
 þatt brōþerr forr hiss swinnc tō lēn
 sōþ blisse mōte findenn.
 Am[æn].

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7 nū icc wile shæwenn ẏūw
 summ dēl, wipþ Godess hellpe,
 off þatt Jūdissskenn follkess lāc
 þatt Drihhtin wass full cwēme,
 7 mikell hellpe tō þe folc,
 tō læredd 7 tō læwedd,
 biforenn þat te Lāferd Crīst
 wass borenn hēr tō manne.

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Acc nū ne geƷƷnepp itt hemm nohht 970
 tō winnenn ēche blisse
 þohh þat teƷƷ stanndenn daƷƷ Ʒ nihht
 tō þeowwtenn Godd Ʒ lākenn;
 forr all itt iss onnƷæness Godd
 þohh þatt teƷƷ swā ne wēnenn, 975
 forr-þī-þatt teƷƷ ne kēpenn nohht
 n'off Crīst, n'off Crīstess mōderr.
 Ʒ tohh swāþehh nū wile icc Ʒūw
 off þeƷƷre lākess awwnenn,
 hū mikell gōd teƷƷ tācnenn uss 980
 off ūre sǣwle nēde;
 forr all þatt lāc wass sett þurh Godd,
 forr þatt itt sholde tācnenn,
 hū Crīstess þeoww birrþ lākenn Crīst
 gāstlike ī gōde þæwess, 985
 wiþþ all þatt tatt bitācnedd wass
 þurh alle þeƷƷre lākess.

Þatt follkes lāc wass shēp, Ʒ gāt,
 Ʒ oxe, Ʒ cullfre, Ʒ turtile,
 Ʒ teƷƷre lāc wass bule, Ʒ lāmb, 990
 Ʒ buckess twā tōgeddre,
 Ʒ rēclessmēc, Ʒ bulltedd bræd
 þatt bakenn wass inn ofne,
 Ʒ smeredd wēl wiþþ elesæw
 Ʒ makedd fatt Ʒ neþshe; 995
 Ʒ ōþerr stūnd tatt lāc wass bræd
 all þeorrƷ wiþþūtenn berrme;
 Ʒ ōþerr stūnd itt bakenn wass
 full harrd Ʒ starrc inn ofne;
 Ʒ ōþerr stūnd tatt lāc wass brennd 1000
 Ʒ turredd all tīll asskess.

- 7 agz wass saltt wipþ iwhillc lāc
 bifo­renn Drihhtin offredd;
 7 tatt wass dōn, þatt witt tū wēl,
 forr mikell þing tō tācnenn. 1005
 All þeggre lāc wass swillc 7 swillc,
 forr ōþerr þing tō tācnenn,
 þatt uss iss swīþe mikell nēd
 tō follghenn 7 tō trowwenn;
 forr uss birrp nū bifo­renn Godd 1010
 offrenn þā lākess alle,
 rihht ō þatt wīse þatt uss iss
 bitācnedd þurh þā lākess;
 7 witt tū þatt ān wāgherifft
 wass spredd frā wāh tō wāghe, 1015
 bifo­renn ān allterr þatt wass
 innresst i þeggre minnstre.
 Þatt wāgherifft wass henngedd tær,
 forr þatt itt hīdenn sholde
 all þatt tatt tær wippinnenn was 1020
 frā læwedd folc 7 læredd,
 wippūtenn þatt te bisscopp sellf,
 wipþ blōd 7 ēc wipþ rēcless,
 þær sholde cumenn ō þe gēr
 ann sīþe, 7 all himm āne. 1025
 7 enngless cōmenn ofte þær,
 7 wiþ þe þe bisscopp spækenn
 ō Godess hallfe off manigwhatt,
 himm 7 hiss folc tō frōfrenn.
 7 bi þatt allterr stōdenn agz 1030
 þatt folckess hālīgdōmess,
 þatt wærenn inn ān arrke þær
 wēl 7 wurrþlike gemmde.
 7 tær oferr þatt arrke wass
 ān oferrwerre wēl timmbredd, 1035

þatt wass *Propitiatoriumm*
 ð Latīn spæche nemmedd,
 off þatt wōrd tatt ð Latīn iss
 nemmedd *Propitiāri*,
 þatt maxx onn Ennglissh nemmedd bēn 1040
 millcenn, 7 shæwenn āre,
 forr whā se dōþ hiss āre ð þē
tibi propitiātur,
 affterr þatt itt maxx wēl inōh
 bēn seƿgd ð Latīn spæche. 1045
 7 tær uppō þatt oferrwerre
 þeƿg hæfdenn licness mētedd
 off Cherubȳn, 7 hæfdenn itt
 ð tweƿgenn stokess mētedd.
 All ennglepēod tōdæledd iss 1050
 ð nighenn kinne þēode;
 7 Cherubȳn 7 Seraphȳn
 sinndenn þā tweƿgenn þēode,
 þatt sinndenn Drihtūn allre-nēst,
 7 hēhghesst¹ upp inn heoffne. 1055
 7 off þatt ān, off Cherubȳn,
 þeƿg hæfdenn licness mētedd
 uppō þatt oferrwerre þatt wass
 abufenn þ'arrke timmbredd.
 7 att te minnstredure wass 1060
 ān allterr þær wiþpūtenn;
 7 bi þatt allterr wass þe lāc
 ð fele wīse ƿarrkedd
 þurh prēostess, alls uss seƿgþ sōþ bōc,
 off Aarōness childre. 1065
 7 ð þatt allterr hæfdenn þeƿg
 glōwennde glēdess ƿarrkedd.

¹ hehtesst.

- 7 off þatt errfe þatt tær wass
 Drihhtūn tō lāke ȝarrkedd,
 himm tōc þe bisscopp off þe blōd, 1070
 swā summ hiss bōc himm tahhte,
 7 glēdess inn hiss rēclefatt
 hē tōc þær ō þatt allterr,
 7 dide rēcless inn inōh
 Drihhtūn þærwiþþ tō þeowtenn, 1075
 aȝȝ whann hē shollde ganngenn inn
 upp tō þatt ōþerr allterr;
 þatt wass aȝȝ æness ō þe ȝēr,
 7 aȝȝ himm self himm āne,
 forr mikell þīng tō tācnenn uss 1080
 þatt uss birrþ alle trowwenn.
 Hē tōc þe rēcless 7 te blōd
 7 ȝēde upp tō þatt allterr
 þatt wass wiþþinnenn wāȝheriff, 1085
 swā summ icc habbe shæwedd,
 7 tanne brennde hē rēcless þær,
 tō þeowwtenn Godd tō cwēme,
 swā þatt tær wass swā mikell smēc
 off rēcless att tatt allterr,
 þatt all hē wass himm self þær hidd 1090
 7 lokenn þær wiþþinnenn;
 7 tōc himm þā þatt illke blōd
 þatt hē þær haffde ȝregȝpedd,
 þatt blōd tatt hē þær haffde brohht,
 7 warrp itt tær wiþþ strenncless, 1095
 eȝȝwhær uppō þatt hallȝhe bōrd,
 7 eȝȝwhær ō þatt allterr.
 7 siþþenn ȝēde hē þeþenn ūt
 tō strennkenn ī þe kirkke
 wiþþūtenn þeȝȝre wāȝheriff, 1100
 swā summ hiss bōc himm tahhte.

7 sippenn comm hē till þe folc
 7 wessh himm hise clāþess,
 acc þohh swāþehh hē wass all dagz
 unnclēne an-ān till ēfenn.

1105

Nū habbe icc shæwedd gūw summ dēl
 off þā Jūdissskenn lākess,

þatt Drihhtīn tōc full ædmōdliġ
 bifořenn Crīstess cōme,

7 off þatt prēost tatt tanne wass,
 7 off þatt bisscopp bāþe.

1110

7 ēc icc habbe shæwedd gūw
 summ dēl off þegzre wīkenn.

7 nū icc wile shæwenn gūw
 all þatt whatt itt bitācneþþ,

1115

7 hū itt mazg gūw turrnenn all
 till gūre sāwless hellpe,

7 hū gē muġhenn lākenn Godd
 gāstlike ī gōde þæwess,

wīþþ all þatt Jūdewisshe lāc

1120

þatt icc gūw habbe shæwedd;

forr gūw birrþ nū bifořenn Godd

offrenn þā lākess alle,

all ō þatt wīse þatt gūw iss

bitācnedd þurh þā lākess.

1125

þā. lākess mihhtenn clennsenn hemm

off şakess 7 off sinness,

7 gladenn Godd, ġiff þatt hē wass
 hemm wrāþ forr heore gillte.

7 witt tū wēl þatt Latin bōc

1130

full witerrlike uss kīþeþþ,

whillec lāc wass offredd forr þe prēost,

whillec forr þe bisscopp offredd,

ƿ whille wass offredd forr þe folc,
tō clennsenn hemm off sinne. 1135

þe ramm wass offredd for þe prēost,
tō clennsenn him off sinne, ^{reunited}
ƿ forr þe bisscopp was þe callf
offredd o þeggre wise, ^{together}
ƿ forr þe folc wass offredd bucc, ^{reunited} 1140
Drihhtin tō lofe ƿ wurrþe, ^{reunited}
þatt hē þeggm þurh hiss mildherrtleƿc
forrgæfe þeggre gilltess.

Hēr habbe icc shæwedd prinne lāc
forr prinne kinne lēode, ^{reunited} 1145
forr bisscopp ƿ forr unnderrprēost,
ƿ forr þe follkess nēde. ^{reunited}

ƿ ūre Lāferd Jēsu Crīst
badd hise bedess þrīgess,
biforenn þatt hē takenn wass 1150
ƿ nazgledd uppō rōde.

ƿ tær hē badd forr alle þā
þatt onn himm sholldenn lēfenn,
forr biscopp ƿ forr unnderrprēost,
ƿ ēc forr læwedd lēode; 1155

ƿ mære wass hiss bede wurrþ
þann alle þeggre lākess,
tō lēsenn ƿ tō clennsenn menn
off alle kinne gillte,

ƿ tohh swāpehh wass þeggre lāc, 1160
biforenn Crīstess cōme,

Drihhtin full cwēme inn alle þā
þatt Godess laƿhess hēldenn.
nū icc wile shæwenn ƿūw,
wiþþ mīn Drihhtiness hellpe, 1165

all hū ȝē muȝhenn lākenn Godd
 gāstlike i gōde þæwess,
 wīþþ all þatt Jūdewisshe lāc
 þatt ȝūw hēr-uppe iss shæwedd.
 ȝiff þatt tū follȝhesst sōþ mēocleȝȝc 1170
 ȝ sōþ unnschapȝnesse,
 þā lākesst tū Drihhtīn wīþþ shēp
 gāstlike i þīne þæwess,
 swā þatt itt maȝȝ wēl hellpenn þē
 tō winnenn Godess āre; 1175
 forr shēp iss all unnskapefull
 ȝ stille dēr ȝ līpe,
 ȝ makeþþ itt nān mikell bracc
 ȝiff mann itt wile bīndenn,
 ne forrþenn þær mann cwelleþþ itt, 1180
 ne wīþþreþþ itt nohht swīpe.
 ȝ forr-þī seȝȝþ þatt Latīn bōc,
 þatt þwerrt ūt nohht ne lēȝheþþ,
 þatt ūre Lāferd Jēsu Crīst
 inn ūre mennisscnesse 1185
 tōc þildilīȝ wīþþūtenn bracc,
 þatt mann himm bānd wīþþ wōȝhe,
 rihht all swā summ þe shēp onnfōþ
 mēocliȝ, þatt mann itt clippeþþ.
 ȝ ȝiff þū cwennkesst i þē sellf, 1190
 ȝ læresst mē tō cwennkenn
 inn mē gālnessess fūle stinnch
 ȝ hire fūle lusstess,
 ȝ follȝhesst aȝȝ clānnessess slōþ,
 ȝ læresst mē tō follȝhenn, 1195
 þā lākesst tū Drihhtīn wīþþ gāt
 gāstlike i þīne þæwess,
 swā þatt itt maȝȝ wēl hellpenn þē
 tō winnenn Godess āre.

for gāt iss, þatt witt tū full wēl,	1200
gāl dēor, 7 stinnkepp fūle,	
7 forr-þī tēcnepp itt full wēl	
gālnessess háte stinnchess.	
7 forr-þī sinndenn alle þā	
þatt shulenn inntill helle	1205
effnedd wiþþ gæt, 7 nemmedd gæt,	
ō Goddspellbökess lāre,	
forr-þī-þatt sinness fūle stinnch	
shall shædenn hemm frā Crīste.	
7 ȝiff þū follȝhesst skill 7 shæd	1210
7 witt ī gōde þæwess,	
7 hafesst ȝēt, tohh þū bē ȝūng,	
elldernemanness lāte,	
7 haȝherrlike lēdesst tē	
7 dafftelike 7 fagȝre,	1215
7 ummbepennkesst aȝȝ occ aȝȝ	
hū þū mihht Drihhtin cwēmenn,	
7 lufenn himm 7 drēdenn himm	
7 hise laȝhess hāldenn,	
wiþþ oxe lākesst tū Drihhtin	1220
gāstlike ī þīne þæwess,	
swā þatt itt maȝȝ wēl hellpenn	
tō winnenn Godess āre.	
Forr oxe gāþ ō clofenn fōt	
7 shædepp hise clawwess,	1225
þurh whatt hē tēcnepp skill 7 shæd	
7 witt ī gōde þæwess.	
7 oxe ganngēpp haȝhelīȝ	
7 āldelike lātepp,	
7 ȝifepp bīsne off þatt tē birrþ	1230
all haȝhelike 7 fagȝre	
7 dafftelike lēdenn þē,	
wiþþūtenn bracc 7 brappe,	

- 7 shæwenn ȝēt, tohh þū bē ȝūng,
 elldernemanness lāte. 1235
- 7 oxe chewweþþ þær hē gāþ
 hiss cūde, 7 tær hē stanndeþþ,
 7 chewweþþ forrþenn þær hē līþ,
 forr þē tō ȝifenn bīsne,
 þatt tē birrþ ummbepennkenn aȝȝ 1240
- 7 chewwenn i þin heorhte
 hū þū mihht cwēmenn þin Drihhtīn,
 7 winnenn ēche blisse.
 Þuss þū mihht lākenn Drihhtīn Godd
 wiþþ oxe i gōde þæwess, 1245
- ȝiff þū þē lēdesst all wiþþ skill,
 7 haȝhelike 7 faȝȝre,
 7 ummbepennkesst nihht 7 daȝȝ
 hū þū mihht Drihhtīn cwēmenn.
 7 ȝiff þū firrpresst fremmde menn 1250
- aȝȝ affterr þīne fēre,
 7 arrt tē sellf aȝȝ mīlde 7 mēoc,
 7 all wiþþūtenn galle,
 wiþþ cullfre lākesst tū Drihhtīn
 ȝāstlike i þīne þæwess, 1255
- swā þatt itt maȝȝ wēl hellpenn þē
 tō winnenn Godess āre.
 Forr cullfre iss mīlde, 7 mēoc, 7 swēt,
 7 all wiþþūtenn galle,
 7 fēdeþþ ōperr cullfress bridd 1260
- all alls itt wære hire āȝhenn.
 7 ȝiff þū lēdesst clēne līf,
 7 murrnesst i þin heorhte,
 þatt tū swā lanngē dwellesst hēr
 swā ferr frā Godess rīche, 1265
- 7 ȝēornesst tatt tū mōte skēt
 upp-cumenn inntill heoffne,

- upp till þi Lāferrd Jēsu Crist,
 tō lofenn himm ȝ lūtenn,
 wiþþ turttle lākesst tū þin Godd 1270
 gāstlike i þine þæwess,
 swā þatt itt maȝȝ wēl hellpenn þe
 tō winnenn Godess āre.
 Forr turttle lēdeþþ chariȝ lif,
 þatt witt tū wēl tō sōþe, 1275
 forr frā þatt hire make iss dæd
 ne kēpeþþ ȝhō nān ōþerr,
 acc serrȝheþþ aȝȝ forr-þi-þatt ȝhō
 ne maȝȝ himm nowwhar findenn.
 ȝ ȝiff þatt tū forrlāngedd arrt 1280
 tō cumenn upp till Crīste,
 ȝ nohht ne chēsesst ōþer Godd
 tō follȝhenn ne tō þeowwtenn,
 wiþþūtenn Crīst tatt wass ȝ iss
 þin Drihhtin ȝ tīn hæfedd, 1285
 þā lākesst tū gāstlike Godd
 wiþþ turttle i þine þæwess.
 ȝ ȝiff þū cwennkesst i þē sellf
 all þwerret ūt mōdīȝnesse,
 ȝ læresst¹ ōþre allswā tō dōn 1290
 þurh lāre ȝ ēc þurh bisne,
 wiþþ bule lākesst tū þin Godd
 gāstlike i þine þæwess,
 swā þatt itt maȝȝ wēl hellpenn þe
 tō winnenn Godess āre. 1295
 Forr bule lāteþþ mōdilīȝ,
 ȝ bereþþ upp hiss hæfedd,
 ȝ drifeþþ ōþre nowwt himm frā
 ȝ hallt himm all forr lāferrd.

¹ lærest.

- 7 7iff þū cnāwesst rihht tīn Godd, 1300
 7 herrnesst hise spellless,
 7 lezgesst all þīn herrte onn himm,
 7 follzhesst himm 7 būzhesst,
 7 forr þe lufe off himm forrsēst
 hæpene Goddess alle, 1305
 7 arrt tē self azz milde 7 mēoc,
 7 soffte, 7 stille, 7 liþe,
 wipþ lāmb þū lākesst tīn Drihhtīn
 gāstlike ī þīne þæwess,
 swā þatt itt mazz wēl hellpenn þē 1310
 tō winnenn Godess¹ āre.
 Forr lāmb iss soffte 7 stille dēor,
 7 mēoc, 7 milde, 7 liþe,
 7 itt cann cnāwenn swīþe wēl
 hiss mōderr þær zhō blæteþþ 1315
 bitwēnenn ān þūsennde shēp,
 þohh þatt tezz blætenn alle.
 7 all swā birrþ þē cnāwenn wēl
 þīn Godd 7 all hiss lāre,
 7 all forrwerppenn hæpenndōm 1320
 7 ōpre Goddess alle,
 swā summ þe lāmb flēþ ōpre shēp,
 7 follzheþþ azz hiss mōderr.
- Þe Jūdewisshe follkess bōc
 hemm sezzde, þatt hemm birrde 1325
 twā bukkess samenn [tō] þe prēost
 att kirrkedure brinnenn;
 7 tezz þā didenn blīpelīz,
 swā summ þe bōc hemm tahhte,
 7 brohhtenn twezzenn bukkess þær 1330
 Drihhtīn þær-wipþ tō lākenn.

¹ Godes.

- 7 att te kirkedure tōc
 þe prēost tā twezgenn bukkess,
 7 ō þatt ān hē leggde þær
 all þezgre sake 7 sinne, 1335
 7 lēt itt ēornenn forþ wipþ-all
 ūt inntill wīlde wesste;
 7 tōc 7 snāþ þatt ōþerr bucc
 Drihhtīn þær-wipþ tō lākenn.
 All þiss wass dōn forr heore nēd, 1340
 7 ēc forr ūre nēde;
 forr hemm itt hallþ biforenn Godd
 tō clennsenn hemm off sinne,
 7 all-swā magg itt hellpenn þē,
 giff þatt tū wilt [itt] follghenn. 1345
 Giff þatt tū wilt full innwarrdlīg
 wipþ fulle trowwþe lēfenn
 all þatt tatt wass bitācnedd tær,
 tō lēfenn 7 tō trowwenn,
 þā magg þatt trowwþe firþpenn þē 1350
 tō winnenn Godess āre.
 þā twezgenn bukkess tācnenn uss
 ān Godd off twinne kīnde,
 þatt iss þe Lāferd Jēsu Crīst,
 þatt iss off twinne kīnde. 1355
 Forr Jēsu Crīst iss ful iwiss
 sōþ Godd ī Goddcunndnesse,
 7 hē iss ēc tō fulle sōþ
 sōþ mann ī mennisscnesse;
 forr Crīst iss bāþe Godd 7 mann, 1360
 ān hād off twinne kīnde,
 7 tiss birþ trowwenn īwhillc mann
 þatt gēorneþþ Godess āre.
 Ān bucc rann þær a-wezg all cwicc
 wipþ all þe follkess sinne, 1365

- 7 Crīstess Goddcunndnesse wass
 all cwicc 7 all unnpīnedd,
 þær Crīst wass uppō rōdetrēo
 naȝȝledd forr ūre nēde.
- 7 Crīstess Goddcunndnesse all cwicc 1370
 7 all wiþpūtenn pīne
 barr ūre sinness þær a-weȝȝ
 þær Crīstess mennisscnesse
 drannc dæpess drinnch ō rōdetrēo
 forr ūre wōȝhe dēdess. 1375
- 7 all swā summ þatt ōþerr bucc
 tōc þær wiþþ dæpess pīne,
 tō wurrþenn þær Drihhtūn tō lāc
 forr all þe follkess sinne,
 all swā tōc Crīstess mennisscleȝȝc 1380
 wiþþ dæpess pīne ō rōde,
 forr þatt hē wolde wurrþenn þær
 offredd Drihhtūn tō lāke,
 forr uss tō clennsenn þurh hiss dæp
 off sinness unnclēnnesse. 1385
- 7 all swā summ þatt cwike bucc
 comm inntill wilde wesste,
 all swa comm Crīstess Goddcunndleȝȝc
 all cwicc upp inntill heoffne,
 þatt wass biforenn Crīstess dæp 1390
 swa summ itt wesste wære,
 forr-þī-þatt bāþe enngless 7 menn
 itt hæfdenn ær forrworþenn.
 Forr enngless hæfdenn heoffness ærd
 forrloren all wiþþ rihhte ; 1395
 forr þatt teȝȝ wolldenn effnenn hemm
 ȝæn Godd þurh mōdīȝnesse ;
 forr whatt teȝȝ fellenn sōne dūn
 off heoffne unntill helle

- till ēche wā, forr-þī-þatt teƷƷ
forrwurpenn ēche blisse. 1400
- Ʒ alle þā þatt fellenn swa
þeƷƷ sinndenn lāpe dēofless,
Ʒ standenn inn þurh hēte Ʒ nīþ
tō scrennkenn menness sāwless. 1405
- Acc þū mihht werenn þē frā þeƷƷm
þurh rihhte lāfe ō Crīste,
Ʒ þurh þatt weorrc þatt tær-tō līþ
wiþþ Jēsu Crīstess hellpe.
- Ʒ ūre tweƷƷgenn forrme menn, 1410
þatt Drihtūn shōp off ēorþe,
forrlurenn ēc forr heore gillt
wiþþ rihht dōm heoffness blisse,
þurh þatt teƷƷ forr þe dēofless rāþ
Drihtūness rāþ forrwurpenn; 1415
- Ʒ all forr-þī wass heoffness ærd
swā summ itt wesste wære,
forr-þī-þatt bāpe enngless Ʒ menn
itt haffdenn ær forrworppenn.
- Ʒ Crīstess Goddcunndnesse comm 1420
cwicc inntill heoffness wesste
wiþþ ūre sinne, ī þatt tatt Crīst
tōc dæp forr ūre sinne,
all all-swā summ þatt bucc attrann
ūt inntill wīlde wesste 1425
- all cwicc, Ʒ barr aweƷƷ wiþþ himm
þe follkess sake Ʒ sinne.
Ʒ Ʒiff þatt iss þatt tū willt nū
wiþþ fulle trowwþe lēfenn,
þatt Crīst iss bāpe Godd Ʒ mann, 1430
ān hād off twinne kīnde;
Ʒ Ʒiff þatt iss þatt tū willt nū
wiþþ fulle trowwþe lēfenn,

þatt Crīstess Goddcunndnesse wass
 all cwiċc ȝ all unnpīnedd, 1435
 þær Crīst wass dæd ð rōdetrēo
 forr all mannkinne nēde;
 ȝ giff þatt iss þatt tū willt nū
 wiþþ fulle trowwþe lēfenn,
 þatt Crīst, tær hē wass ð þe trēo 1440
 naxgledde forr ūre nēde,
 drāh harrd ȝ hefīȝ pīne inōh
 þurh fife grimme wūndess,
 þā mihht tū lākenn þīn Drihtūn
 gāstlike i sōþfasst læfe, 1445
 wiþþ all þatt tē tō trowwenn wass
 þurh þā twā bukkess tæcnedd.
 ȝ giff þū cwēmesst tūn Drihtūn
 bī dagȝess, ȝ bī nihhtess,
 wiþþ fastinng, ȝ wiþþ bedesāng, 1450
 wiþþ cnēlinng, ȝ wiþþ wecche,
 þā lākesst tū wiþþ rēcless swā
 þīn Godd i þīne þæwess,
 swā þatt itt maȝȝ wēl hellpenn þē
 tō winnenn Godess āre. 1455
 Forr all all-swā summ rēcless-smēc
 iss swēt bīforenn manne,
 all all-se is swēt bīforenn Godd
 þe gōde manness bēne.
 ȝ giff þīn herrte is ārefull, 1460
 ȝ mīlde, ȝ soffte, ȝ nesshe,
 swā þatt tu mihht wēl árenn himm
 þatt iss ȝæn þe forrgilltedd,
 ȝ all forrȝifenn himm full-nēh
 þe rihhte dōmess wræche, 1465
 aȝȝ whann se þū forrȝifesst tuss
 þīn wrappe ȝ ēc þīn wræche,

- aȝȝ þanne lākesst tū þīn Godd
 gāstlike ī þīne þæwess,
 wiþþ lāf þatt iss wiþþ elesæw 1470
 all smeredd wēl ȝ nesshedd.
 Þe rihhte dōm iss starre ȝ harrd
 ȝ all þe rihhte wræche,
 swā summ itt wære scorrcnedd lāf
 þatt iss wiþþūtenn crummess. 1475
 ȝ āre ȝ millce ȝ mildhertlegȝc
 ȝ rihht forȝifenesse,
 þatt iss þatt lāf þatt smeredd iss
 wiþþ elesæw ȝ nesshedd.
 ȝ ȝiff þatt tū willt makenn lāf, 1480
 þū þresshesst tīne shæfess,
 ȝ siþþenn winndwesst tū þīn cōrn,
 ȝ frā þe chaff itt shædesst,
 ȝ gaddresst swā þe clēne cōrn
 all frā þe chaff tōgeddre, 1485
 ȝ grīndesst itt, ȝ cnedesst itt,
 ȝ harrdnesst itt wiþþ hæte;
 ȝ tanne mahht tū þīn Drihhtīn
 lākenn þær-wiþþ tō cwēme,
 ȝiff þatt tū lēdesst hālīȝ lif 1490
 ī þohht, ī wōrd, ī dēde.
 ȝ tū mihht ēc gāstlike lāf
 onn ōþerr wīse ȝarrkenn,
 ȝ lākenn þīn Drihhtīn þær-wiþþ
 well swīþe wēl tō cwēme. 1495
 ȝiff þatt iss þatt tū þurh þīn spell
 till rihhte læfe turnesst
 þatt flocc þatt wass tōskeȝȝredd ær
 þurh fele kinne dwīlde,
 þā þresshesst tū þīn cōrn wiþþ fleȝȝl, 1500
 ī þatt tatt tū þeȝȝm shæwesst,

hū sinnfull lif þeꝝ leddenn ær,
 ᵹ hū þeꝝ cwemmdenn dēofell,
 ᵹ hū þeꝝ hæfdenn addledd wēl
 tō drēghenn ēche pīne, 1505
 ᵹ hū þeꝝm hæfde Drihhtīn all
 forr heore wōh forrworppenn;
 wipþ swillc þū þresshesst wēl þe folc,
 ᵹiff þatt tū þuss hemm tælesst;
 forr ᵹiff þū shāwesst mē mīn wōh 1510
 ᵹ tælesst mīne weorrkess,
 ᵹ seggesst swillc ᵹ swillc wass þū,
 þū þresshesst mē wipþ wōrdess.
 ᵹ ᵹiff þū shāwesst hemm off Godd
 ᵹ off hiss æddmōdnesse, 1515
 hū wēl hē takeþþ aᵹᵹ wipþ þā
 þatt sēkenn Godess āre,
 ᵹ ᵹiff þū shāwesst hemm whatt læn
 iss ᵹarrkedd hemm inn heoffne,
 ᵹiff þatt teᵹᵹ takenn Crisstenndōm 1520
 ᵹ Crīstess laᵹhess hāldenn,
 ᵹ spēdesst wipþ þīn spell swā wēl
 þatt teᵹᵹ itt unnderrfanngenn,
 ᵹ turnenn till þe Crisstenndōm
 ᵹ till þe rihhte læfe, 1525
 ᵹ shædenn frā þatt hæþenn folc
 þatt Godd iss all unncwēme,
 forr þatt itt iss þatt illke chaff
 þatt helle fir shall bærnenn,
 þā winndwesst tū þīn þrosshenn cōrn 1530
 ᵹ frā þe chaff itt shædesst,
 ᵹ gaddresst swā þe clēne cōrn
 all frā þe chaff tōgeddre.
 Forr þurh þatt tatt tū læresst hemm
 tō bēn sammtale ᵹ sahhte 1535

tō þeowwtenn ān Allmahhtīg Godd
 wipþ ānfāld rihhte læfe¹,
 ƿ aƿ tō bēn ummbenn þatt ān
 tō winnenn ēche blisse,
 þurh þatt tū sammnesst hemm ī Godd 1540
 þū gaddresst cōrn tōgeddre.
 Annd þurh þatt tū primmseƿnesst hemm,
 ƿ spellesst hemm, ƿ læresst
 all tō forrwerppenn mōdīgleƿc,
 ƿ harrd ƿ grammcūnd herrte, 1545
 ƿ aƿ tō follghenn sōþ mēocleƿc
 wipþ luffsumm æddmōdnesse,
 þær-þurh þū brekesst wēl þīn cōrn,
 ƿ grīdesst itt ƿ nessesst.
 ƿ þurh þatt tatt tū fullhtnesst hemm 1550
 ƿ unnderr waterr dīppesst,
 þū sammnesst all þī mele inn-ān
 ƿ cnedesst itt tōgeddre,
 swā þatt teƿ shulenn alle bēn
 ān bodīƿ ƿ ān sāwle. 1555
 ƿ Jēsu Crīst himm-sellf shall bēn
 uppō þatt bodīƿ hæfedd,
 tō fēdenn ƿ tō fosstrenn hemm,
 tō stēorenn ƿ tō berrghenn.
 ƿ þurh þatt tatt tū læresst hemm 1560
 tō þolenn illc unsellþe
 wipþ innwarrd heorrtē ƿ sōþfasst þīld,
 all forr þe lufe off Crīste,
 all forr þatt lufe þatt iss hāt
 ī Crīstess þeowwess heorrtē, 1565
 þær-þurh þū bakesst Godess lāf
 ƿ harrdnesst itt þurh hæte,

- þurh þatt tū harrdnesst hemm wiþþ spell
 tō þolenn illc unnseollþe
 wiþþ sōþfasst þild, all forr þatt fir 1570
 þatt sōþfasst lufe follgheþþ.
 Forr sōþfasst lufe bærneþþ agg,
 lōc giff þū't mihht ohht findenn,
 7 whær s' itt iss itt harrdneþþ all
 þe gōde manness heorhte, 1575
 tō þolenn wiþþ fullfremedd þild
 all þatt tatt iss unnsellþe.
 7 sōne summ þīn lāf bēþ wēl
 all greþpedd tuss 7 garrkedd,
 þā mahht tū lakenn Godd wiþþ all 1580
 gāstlike wēl tō cwēme.
 Forr Drihhtīn takeþþ ædmōdlig
 wiþþ þā þatt till himm turnnenn,
 7 giff þū lēdesst clēne lif
 onn alle kinne wīse, 1585
 þā lākesst tū þīn Drihhtīn swā
 gāstlike ī þīne þæwess,
 wiþþ þerrflinng bræd swā þatt tū mihht
 Drihhtīness āre winnenn.
 Forr þerrflinng bræd iss clēne bræd, 1590
 forr þatt itt iss unnberrmedd,
 7 itt bitācneþþ clēne lif,
 7 alle clēne þæwess,
 7 clēne þohht, 7 clēne wōrd,
 7 alle clēne dēdess. 1595
 7 giff þīn heorhte iss harrd 7 starrc,
 7 stēdefasst ō Crīste,
 tō þolenn forr þe lufe off himm
 all þatt tatt iss tō drēghenn,
 þā lākesst tū þīn Drihhtīn swā 1600
 gāstlike ī þīne þæwess,

wipþ fasst 7 findiḡ lāf 7 harrd
 wipþinnenn 7 wipþūtenn,
 swā þatt itt magḡ wēl hellpenn þē
 tō winnenn Godess āre. 1605
 7 giḡ þū mihht forrwerppenn hēr
 þī faderr, 7 tī mōderr,
 7 wif, 7 child, 7 hūs, 7 hām,
 7 frēond, 7 lānd, 7 ahhte,
 7 all forrwerppenn hēr þwerrt ūt 1610
 bitwēnenn menn tō biggenn,
 7 lēdenn harrd 7 hālīḡ lif
 all āne ī wīlde wesste,
 7 pīnenn þær þī bodiḡ ā 1615
 wipþ chēle 7 þrisst 7 hunngerr,
 wipþ fasstinng, 7 wipþ swincc 7 swāt,
 wipþ bedess, 7 wipþ wecchess,
 þā mihht tū lākenn swā þīn Godd
 gāstlike ī þīne þæwess
 wipþ lāc, þatt all þwerrt ūt bēoþ brennd 1620
 Drihhtīn tō lōfe 7 wurpē,
 swā þatt itt bēoþ þe rihht inōh
 tō winnenn Godess āre.
 Forr þū ne mihht nohht lēdenn hēr
 nā bettere lif onn eorþe, 1625
 þann iss þatt tū þweorrt ūt forrsē,
 7 all þwerrt ūt forrwerpē
 all weoreldlike lif 7 lusst,
 7 flē frā menn till wesste,
 7 tær wipþ harrd 7 hālīḡ lif 1630
 bēo geornfull Crīst tō cwēmenn.
 Forr swillc lif iss all þwerrt ūt dæd
 frā weoreldshipess lusstess,
 7 itt iss turnedd all þurh fir
 off sōþfasst lufe ō Crīste 1635

till dusst, forr-þi-þatt swillke menn
 sōþfasst mēocnesse follghenn.
 7 azz wass saltt wiþþ iwhillc lāc,
 forr þatt itt sholde tācnenn
 þatt all þatt tū willt offrenn Godd, 1640
 7iff þatt itt shall himm cwēmenn,
 all birrþ itt offredd bēn wiþþ skill,
 7 all wiþþ luffsumm heorrte,
 swā þatt itt bē clenlike dōn,
 off rihhtbiȝetenn ahhte, 1645
 swā þatt te Lāferd Jēsu Crīst
 swētlīke itt unnderrfanȝe.
 Þiss wass bitācnedd þurh þe saltt
 þatt ūre mēte swēteþ,
 7iff þatt iss þatt mann wile itt dōn 1650
 wiþþ witt 7 skill þærinne.
 Forr witt 7 skill iss wēl inōh
 þurh saltess smacc bitācnedd,
 7 tatt forr-þi-þatt witt 7 skill
 iss gōd inn alle þīȝe, 1655
 all swā summ saltt iss swīpe gōd
 þær þær itt tō-bilimmpeþþ;
 7 all forr-þi wass æfre saltt
 wiþþ alle lākess offredd,
 forr-þi-þatt nohht ne mazz bēn dōn 1660
 Allmahhtȝ Godd tō cwēme,
 būt iff itt bē wiþþ witt 7 skill
 7 luffsummlīke fōrþedd.
 All þuss þū mahht nū lākenn Godd
 gāstlike i þīne þæwess, 1665
 wiþþ all þatt lāc þatt offredd wass
 biforenn Crīstess cōme.

GLOSSARY.

THE arrangement mainly follows the spellings and forms of the Ancren Riwe.

æ and *ea* are both ranged under *ē*; *h* under *c*, *v* under *f*, *ȝ* under *g*, *j* under *i*, and *wh* under *hw*.

Words beginning with the prefix *i* must be sought under their root: *icwēme* under *cwēme*, &c.

* denotes French words.

† denotes words and forms of the Ormulum.

sv. = strong verb.

wv. = weak verb.

swv. = strong-weak verb.

A, *indef. art.*

a = *an* *prp.*

ā, *av.* for ever.

ā, *interj.* ah!

a-blēnden, *wv.* blind.

abbod, *sm.* abbot.

a-buven, *prp.* above.

a-būten, *prp.*, *av.* around.

†*ac*, *see auh.*

a-cōlen, *wv.* cool.

a-cwenchen, *wv.* quench.

a-cwikien, *wv.* quicken, come to life, bring to life.

**aowiten*, *wv.* free, release.

†*adlen*, *wv.* earn.

a-drenchen, *wv.* drown.

a-dūn, *av.* down.

adūneward, *av.* downwards.

a-vellen, *wv.* make to fall.

**avez*, *spl.* aves.

a-vormest, *av.* at first.

†*az*, *av.* always.

a-ȝean, *ȝein*, *prp.*, *av.* against, towards (to meet); for; in exchange for; back.

ȝeines, *prp.* against.

†*ȝzhen*, *see ōwen.*

a-ginnen, *sv.* begin.

†*hte*, *see ġiht*.

al(1), *aj.* all; 'over al,' everywhere; 'mid alle,' '†wip alle,' entirely, altogether; 'alre ġrest,' first of all.

al, *av.* all, quite, entirely, utterly.

al, *sn.* everything.

a-lēsen, *wv.* release.

alle-gate, *av.* by all means.

alles, *av.* entirely, really.

al-miht, †*almahtiz*, *aj.* almighty.

al-sp, *ase*, †*alswā*, †*alse*, †*als*, *av.* so, also, as, like; 'ase nēih . . ase veor,' the nearer . . the further; 'þer ase,' where, &c.

†*alter*, *s.* altar.

am, *see bēon.*

†*amēn*, amen.

a-morwen, *av.* on the morrow, next morning.

an, *indef. art.*

an, *prp.* on, in.

**ancheisūn*, *sn.* reason.

ancre, *sf.* anchoress, nun.

and, *ant*, *cj.* and; but.

**andetted*, *prt. ptc.* indebted.

†*ān-fāld*, *aj.* simple, sincere.

an-hōngen, *wv.* hang.

an-ōn, †*anān*, *av.* immediately; continually.

anōn-riht, *av.* immediately.
 an-ont, *prp.* in regard to.
 ant, *see* and.
 *apocalypse, *s.* apocalypse.
 †arke, *s.* ark.
 a-redden, *vv.* rescue, deliver.
 a-reimen, *vv.* redeem.
 a-rēowen, *sv.* 'mē arēoweþ,' I pity.
 a-rēren, *vv.* raise; cause.
 a-riht, *av.* rightly, properly.
 a-risen, *sv.* arise.
 †art, *see* bēon.
 *asaumple, *sf.* example.
 †ashes, *spl.* ashes.
 askien, *vv.* ask.
 askung, *s.* asking.
 a-schunien, *vv. refl.* shun.
 ase, *see* alsō.
 a-spillen, *vv.* destroy.
 asse, *s.* donkey.
 a-stūnten, *vv.* stop.
 atelich, *aj.* repulsive, ugly.
 attri, *aj.* poisonous, venomous.
 auh, †ac, *av.* but; and.
 *autoritē, *s.* authority.
 a-wei, *av.* away.
 a-worpen, *sv.* throw, precipitate.

Bacen, *sv.* bake.
 †bad, *see* bidden.
 †bar, *see* beren.
 bead, *see* bēoden.
 *beaubelez, *spl.* trinkets, baubles.
 bede, *s.* prayer.
 bede-sāng, *s.* song of prayer.
 bēih, *see* būwen.
 *bekien, *vv.* peck.
 †bēlden, *vv.* encourage.
 †bēne, *s.* request, prayer.
 bēoden, *sv.* offer.
 bēon, *sv.* be.
 i-bēon, *sv.* be.
 beren, *sv.* carry, bear; 'beren up,' hold up.
 †berghen, *sv.* save, preserve.
 †berhles, *s.* salvation.
 berken, *sv.* bark.
 berme, *s.* leaven.
 bernen, †brennen, *vv.* burn.

bersten, *sv.* burst.
 bēst, *s.* beast, animal.
 bet, *av.* better, rather.
 betere, *aj., sb.* better.
 bēþ, *sm.* bath.
 bi, *prp., av.* by, near; by means of, through.
 bi-alūppen, *vv.* embrace.
 bi-cumen, *sv.* become.
 bidden, *sv.* ask, pray.
 bi-vōn, bivongen, *sv.* encompass, contain.
 bi-voren, bivore, *prp., av.* before.
 bi-geat, *s.* gain.
 bi-gilen, *vv.* beguile.
 †biggen, *vv.* dwell.
 bi-ginnen, *sv.* begin.
 bi-ziten, *sv.* get, obtain.
 bi-gürdel, *sm.* girdle, belt.
 bi-hēve, *s.* profit, benefit.
 bi-hōve, *s.* benefit.
 bi-hōven, *vv.* be necessary, behave.
 bi-hōlden, *sv.* behold, consider.
 bi-hōten, *sv.* promise, vow.
 bile, *s.* beak, bill.
 bi-lēven, *vv.* leave, forsake.
 bi-lien, *sv.* slander.
 bi-limpen, *sv.* belong.
 binden, *sv.* bind.
 bi-neopen, *prp.* beneath.
 bi-nimen, *sv.* deprive, take away.
 bi-rēvien, *vv.* bereave, deprive.
 bi-rēounesse, *s.* compassion.
 †birp, *vv., impers.* becomes, befits.
 †biscop, *sm.* bishop.
 bi-sēchen, *vv.* beseech.
 bi-senchen, *vv.* sink.
 bi-sēon, *sv.* look.
 bi-setten, *vv.* beset, surround, enclose, besiege.
 bisi, *aj.* busy, assiduous.
 bisillohe, *av.* busily.
 bisischipe, *s.* activity.
 bisne, *s.* example, specimen.
 bi-spēten, *vv.* spit on.
 bi-tēchen, *vv.* entrust.
 bi-tellunge, *sf.* excusing, excuse.
 bi-tēon, *sv.* bestow.
 bi-tōnen, *vv.* signify, denote.
 bitter, *aj., sb.* bitter.

bi-tūnen, *vv.* shut up, enclose.
 bi-tūrnen, *vv.* turn.
 bi-twēonen, *prp.* between, among.
 *blāmen, *vv.* blame.
 blasien, *vv.* blaze.
 blēden, *vv.* bleed.
 blescien, *vv.* bless.
 blēten, *sv.* bleat.
 bliścien, *vv.* make happy.
 blisse, *s.* joy.
 blīpeliche, †blīpelike, †blīpelīz, *av.* gladly.
 blōd, *sn.* blood.
 blōwen, *sv.* blow.
 bō, *prn.* both.
 bōc, *s.* book.
 †bōc-staf, *s.* letter of the alphabet.
 bode, *s.* offer.
 bodi, *sn.* body.
 bōne, *s.* prayer.
 bōrd, *s.* table.
 †borzhen, *see* berzhen.
 bōte, *s.* mending, remedy.
 bōp, *see* bēon.
 bōpe, *prn., av.* both.
 bō-twō, *prn.* both.
 bouhte, *see* būggen.
 †brac, *s.* noise.
 †brappe, *s.* anger.
 brēd, *s.* bread.
 breiden, *sv.* braid, plait.
 brēken, *sv.* break.
 †brende, *see* bernen.
 brēost, *s.* breast.
 brēp, *sm.* vapour, odour.
 brēpren, *see* brōper.
 bridd, *s.* young bird.
 bridel, *s.* bridle.
 brīden, *vv.* bridle.
 briht, *aj.* bright.
 brihten, *vv.* brighten.
 brīngen, *vv.* bringen.
 brōd, *aj.* broad.
 brōper, *sm.* brother.
 brouhte, *see* brīngen.
 brūcen, *sv.* enjoy.
 bucc, *sm.* he-goat.
 būggen, *vv.* buy.
 būp, *see* būwen.
 †bule, *sm.* bull.

†bulted, *aj. (prt. pic.),* bouted,
 passed through a sieve.
 buruh, †burh, *s.* city.
 būten, būte, bût, †butt, *prp.,*
av. without; except, only. 'bût(e)
 jif' unless.
 būp, *see* būggen.
 buven, *prp.* above.
 būwen, *sv.* bow, bend.

Cakel, *aj.* cackling.
 cakelen, *vv.* cackle.
 †calf, *s.* calf.
 *caliz, *sm.* chalice.
 castel, *s.* castle.
 cat(t), *s.* cat.
 †chaf, *s.* chaff.
 †kanunk, *sm.* canon.
 *kēcōchen, *vv.* catch.
 kēne, *aj.* brave.
 kēpen, *vv.* heed, care for.
 kerven, *sv.* cut.
 †charīz, *aj.* mourning, sad.
 *chāst, *aj.* chaste.
 *chāstientment, *s.* rebuking.
 *chāstien, *vv.* rebuke.
 *chaungement, *s.* change.
 cheffare, *s.* traffic, bargaining.
 chēfle, *s.* chatter.
 chēflen, *vv.* chatter.
 †chele, *s.* chill, cold.
 chēoke, *s.* cheek.
 chēosen, *sv.* choose.
 chēouwen, †chewwen, *sv.* chew.
 chēp, *s.* bargain.
 chēpien, *vv.* traffic, sell.
 chēpild, *sf.* trafficker.
 chēpmon, *sm.* merchant, tradesman.
 *chēre, *s.* face, countenance; appearance.
 *chēritē, *s.* love, charity.
 child, *sn.* child.
 chirohe, †kirke, *s.* church.
 kinedōm, *s.* kingdom.
 king, *sm.* king.
 †kirke-dure, *s.* church-door.
 †clawwes, *spl.* claws, hoofs.
 clēne, *aj.* pure.
 †clenlike, *av.* purely.
 clēnnesse, *sf.* purity.

clensien, *vv.* purify.
 clēppe, *s.* clapper.
 climben, *sv.* climb, rise.
 clippen, *vv.* clip, shear.
 clofen, *prt. ptc.* cloven.
 clōp, *s.* clothing, clothes.
 clūse, *s.* sluice.
 oneden, *sv.* knead.
 †cnēling, *s.* kneeling.
 cnēolen, *vv.* kneel.
 kniht, *sm.* knight.
 knihtschipe, *sm.* knighthood.
 knōwen, *sv.* know.
 iknōwen, *sv.* know, discern.
 knūtten, *vv.* tie a knot in.
 cōld, *aj.* cold.
 cōm, †cōm, *see* cūmen.
 †cōme, *s.* coming.
 con, const, *see* cunnen.
 cōrn, *s.* corn.
 cos(s), *s.* kiss.
 costnien, *vv.* cost.
 †counsail, *s.* counsel.
 cōve, *s.* chough, raven.
 *creoisen, *vv.* make the sign of
 the cross on, cross.
 *crien, *vv.* cry.
 Crist, *sm.* Christ.
 cristen, *aj.* christian.
 cristendōm, *s.* christianity.
 cristnen, *vv.* christen.
 *crūcifix, *sn.* crucifix.
 †crummes, *spl.* crumbs.
 *crūne, *s.* crown.
 *crūnien, *vv.* crown.
 kū, *sf.* cow.
 cude, *s.* cud.
 cūl(l), *s.* stroke.
 †culfre, *s.* pigeon, dove.
 cūllen, *vv.* strike.
 cūmen, *sv.* come; happen, be.
 cūnde, *s.* nature, condition.
 kūndeliche, *av.* naturally.
 kūnne, *s.* kind.
 ikünned, *aj. (prt. ptc.)*, belonging
 to a family, descended.
 cunnen, *svv.* know. 'þonc cun-
 nen,' be grateful for.
 *kuplen, *vv.* couple.
 *kurteisie, *s.* courtesy.

kurve, *see* kerven.
 küssen, *vv.* kiss.
 kūp, *aj.* known, familiar.
 cūpe, *see* cunnen.
 kūpen, *vv.* make known, show.
 kūplēchunge, *s.* acquaintance.
 owēd, *s.* evil.
 owellen, *vv.* kill.
 owēme, *aj.* pleasing, agreeable.
 owēme, *s.* gratification. 'tō cwēme,'
 agreeably.
 icwēme, *aj.* pleasing.
 cwēmen, *vv.* please.
 owēne, *sf.* queen.
 †owenken, *vv.* quench, extinguish.
 owēp, *see* owepen.
 owepen, *sv.* speak.
 owio, *aj.* alive, living.
 *cwitaunoe, *s.* payment.
 †Daftelike, *av.* becomingly.
 dai, *see* dei.
 *dāme, *sf.* lady.
 dawes, *see* dei.
 *debonertē, *s.* kindness.
 dēd, *aj.* dead.
 dēde, *s.* deed.
 dei, dai, †dag, *s.* day.
 dēl, *s-part, share.* 'sum dēl,' partly.
 dēlen, *vv.* divide, separate.
 dēlven, *sv.* dig.
 dēmen, *vv.* judge.
 dēor, *s.* animal.
 dēore, *aj.* dear, precious.
 dēore-wurpe, *aj.* dear, precious.
 dēovel, *s.* devil.
 *depeinten, *vv.* paint.
 derf, *s.* hardship.
 dōst, *see* dōn.
 *destrūen, *vv.* destroy.
 dēp, *see* dōn.
 dēp, *s.* death.
 *dettes, *spl.* debts.
 *dettūr, *sm.* debtor.
 *dialōge, *s.* dialogue.
 †dippen, *vv.* dip.
 dōle, *s.* part, division.
 dōm, *s.* judgment, opinion. 'dōmes
 dai,' doomsday, day of judgment.
 dōn, *sv.* do; put.

†drāh, *see* drien.
 †dranc, *see* drincen.
 drauhþ, *see* drawen.
 drawen, *sv.* draw.
 drēd, *s.* dread.
 drēden, *s(w)v.* dread.
 drēghen, *see* drien.
 drien, †drēghen, *sv.* endure.
 drifen, *sv.* drive.
 †drihtin, *sm.* Lord.
 †drinnch, *s.* draught.
 drinken, *sv.* drink.
 drope, *s.* drop.
 *duble, *aj.* double.
 dūde, *see* dōn.
 dulve, *see* delven.
 dust, *s.* dust.

Ēc, ēke, *av.* also.
 ēche, *aj.* eternal.
 ēchen, †ēken, *uv.* add.
 ēd-mōd, *aj.* humble.
 †ædmōdliġ, *av.* humbly, graciously.
 †ædmōdnesse, *sf.* humility.
 ēvere, ēver, †æfre, *av.* ever.
 ēverioh, *prn.* every, everyone, each one.
 evesien, *uv.* clip, cut hair.
 evesunge, *spl.* clippings.
 efne, *s.* power, ability.
 ofnen, *uv.* compare.
 eft, *av.* again.
 efter, †after, *prp.* after, according to. 'ēfter þet, *as.*

ĕi, *s.* egg.
 ĕi, *see* ĕni.
 †ēz-hwær, *av.* everywhere.
 ēie, *s.* eye.
 eie, *s.* fear.
 ēie-pūrel, *s.* window.
 ēih-sihþ, *s.* eyesight.
 ĕihtē, †ahte, *s.* property; cattle.
 eilien, *uv.* annoy, trouble.
 ĕiren, *see* ĕi.
 †elderne-mann, *sm.* elderly person.
 †ele-sēw, *s.* oil.
 elles, *av.* else, otherwise.
 elles-hwar, *av.* elsewhere.
 ēnde, *s.* end.
 ĕnes, *av.* once.

engel, *sm.* angel.
 †English, *aj., sb.* English, English language.
 ĕni, ĕi, *prn.* any, anyone.
 *entente, *s.* intention.
 ēode, *see* gōn.
 ēornen, *see* ūnen.
 eorþe, *s.* earth.
 eorþen, *aj.* earthen.
 eorþlic, †eorþliġ, *aj.* earthly.
 ĕpple, *sm.* apple.
 ĕr, *av., cj.* before. *superl.* ĕrest, *aj., av.* first. 'on ĕrest, first.
 †ærd, *s.* country, region.
 ĕre, *s.* ear.
 †erfe, *s.* animal, beast.
 erien, *uv.* plough.
 ĕrm, *s.* arm.
 †ernde, *s.* message.
 ert, *see* bēon.
 ĕster-ēven, *s.* Easter eve.
 et, †at, *prp.* at, by; from.
 et-flēon, *sv.* escape.
 et-hōlden, *sv.* withhold.
 et-lūtien, *uv.* crouch away, hide.
 et-witen, *vb.* reproach.
 ĕþ-oēne, *aj.* easily seen, manifest, apparent.
 ĕþe, *av.* easily, without reluctance.
 ęx, *sf.* axe.

Fallen, vallen, *sv.* fall; belong.
 vals, *aj., sn.* false; falsehood.
 valsien, *uv.* prove treacherous.
 varen, *sv.* fare, go.
 †fasting, *s.* fasting.
 †fatt, *aj.* fat.
 fōden, *uv.* feed.
 voder, †fader, *sm.* father.
 vēien, *uv.* join.
 fęir, *aj.* fair.
 fęire, †fagre, *av.* fairly, beautifully.
 vēiung, *s.* joining.
 vel, *sn.* skin.
 fēc-lawe, *sm.* companion, friend.
 veole, †fele, *aj.* many.
 veole-iwōrdede, *aj.* of many words, loquacious.
 vēond, *sm.* enemy; fiend, devil.
 veor(r), †fer, *av.* far.

- feorrene, *av., aj.* from a distance ; distant.
- vëorpe, †fërpe, *aj.* fourth.
- fërd, *s.* army.
- (i) vëre, *sm.* companion, friend.
- †fëre, *s.* means.
- *vers, †fers, *sn.* verse.
- *versalien, *uv.* repeat a verse.
- *fëste, *s.* feast.
- vësten, *uv.* fast.
- vëstnien, *uv.* fix, establish, confirm.
- vët, *see* vôt.
- vëtten, *uv.* fatten.
- fif, *num.* five.
- fifte, *aj.* fifth.
- fiht, *sm.* fight, war, contest.
- vihten, *sv.* fight.
- (i) vînden, *sv.* find.
- †findig, *aj.* fruitful, good.
- †first, *aj.* first.
- †firpren, *uv.* promote, help.
- †flezl, *s.* flail.
- flëose, *s.* fleece.
- flëoten, *sv.* float, flow.
- vlësch, *sn.* flesh.
- vlien, †flëon, †flën, *sv.* flee.
- vloc(o), *s.* flock, multitude, large number.
- flöd, *s.* flood.
- flöd-zet, *s.* flood-gate.
- †flumm, *s.* river.
- vluwen, *see* vlien.
- vq̄, *sm.* foe.
- fodder, *s.* fodder.
- vöde, *s.* food.
- *fol, *aj.* foolish.
- volc, *sn.* folk, people.
- völden, *sv.* fold.
- volewen, †folghen, *uv.* follow.
- ivollen, *see* fallen.
- vön, *sv.* sieze, take. 'vön on,' begin.
- ivönd, *see* vînden.
- vöndunge, *s.* temptation.
- for, *prp., cj.* for ; because. 'for tō, for te,' in order to, to. 'for þat,' because.
- vor-bēd, *see* vorbēoden.
- vor-bēoden, *sv.* forbid.
- vor-bisne, *s.* example, parable.
- för-blēnden, *uv.* blind.
- fore-ward, *s.* agreement.
- for-given, *sv.* forgive.
- forzifenesse, *s.* forgiveness.
- vor-gülten, *uv.* incur guilt. 'vor-gült, †forgilted,' *prt. ptc.* guilty.
- †for-länged, *aj. (prt. ptc.)* longing.
- vor-lëosen, *sv.* loose.
- forloren, *see* vorlëosen.
- vorlorenesse, *s.* perdition.
- vorre, *aj.* former, first. *superl.*
- vormest, 'a vormest,' *av.* at first.
- vor-saken, *sv.* refuse, reject.
- for-schüppen, *uv.* transform.
- vorschüppild, *sf.* sorceress.
- for-sëon, *sv.* despise.
- vor-stoppen, *uv.* stop up.
- vor-swoluwen, *uv.* swallow up, devour.
- vort, *prp.* until.
- vorþ, *av.* forth.
- forþen, *av.* also.
- vor-þi, *av., cj.* therefore, because. 'for-þi-þat,' because.
- vorþien, *uv.* promote ; accomplish, do ; help.
- vor-worpen, †forwerpen, *sv.* throw off, cast away, reject.
- fostren, *uv.* nourish, foster.
- fostrild, *sf.* nurse.
- vôt, *s.* foot.
- vôur, vôr, †fowwer, *num.* four.
- †fowwertig, *num.* forty.
- †frā, *prp.* from, out of. 'frā þat,' after.
- frame, *s.* profit.
- fremde, *see* vreomede.
- frëond, *sm.* friend.
- vreomede, †fremde, *aj.* strange.
- freomien, *uv.* benefit.
- frëo, *aj.* free.
- vrëoschipe, *s.* liberality.
- freten, *sv.* devour.
- vri-dēl, *s.* Friday.
- vri-niht, *s.* Good Friday eve.
- vrövre, *s.* consolation.
- vrövrēn, *uv.* console.
- vrom, *prp.* from.
- frommard, *prp.* away from.
- füel, *s.* bird.

fūl, *aj.* foul.
 ful(1), *aj.* full.
 fūle, *av.* foully.
 fūlen, *uv.* defile.
 †fulfremed, *aj.* (*prt. plc.*) perfect.
 †fulhtnen, *uv.* baptize.
 fūllen, *uv.* fill, fill up; fulfil.
 fulliche, *av.* fully.
 †fulluht, *s.* baptism.
 fūr, *s.* fire.
 fūrsen, *uv.* remove.

†Gāl, *aj.* wanton.
 galle, *s.* gall.
 †gālnesse, *s.* wantonness.
 gangen, *see* gōn.
 zan-kūme, *s.* return.
 †zarken, *uv.* prepare.
 garsume, *s.* treasure.
 †gāstlike, *av.* spiritually.
 †gāt, *s.* goat.
 zē, *prn.* ye.
 zē, *av.* yes.
 †zēde, *see* gōn.
 gēderen, *uv.* gather.
 zēf, *see* ziven.
 †geznen, *uv.* profit.
 zēien, *uv.* cry, proclaim.
 zēlden, *sv.* pay, repay; make good;
 requite.
 zēme, *s.* care, heed.
 zēmen, *uv.* keep.
 †zēn, *prp.* against, to.
 zeond, *prp.* throughout, over.
 zeonien, *uv.* gape.
 gēorne, *av.* eagerly, carefully.
 zeove, *s.* gift.
 zēr, *s.* year.
 gēst, *see* gāt.
 zet, zete, †zēt, *av.* yet, besides,
 even; already.
 zēt, *s.* gate.
 zētten, *uv.* consent.
 †zhō, *she.*
 ziochen, *uv.* itch.
 zif, †iff, *cj.* if, whether. 'zif þat,' *if.*
 gīle, *s.* guile, deceit.
 gīlen, *uv.* deceive.
 †gilt, *s.* guilt.
 zīrnen, *uv.* desire.

gist, *s.* guest.
 gistnen, *uv.* lodge.
 ziven, *sv.* give.
 Giwe, *sm.* Jew.
 Giwerie, *s.* Jewry.
 gladien, *see* glēdien.
 glēd, *aj.* glad.
 glēd, *s.* red-hot coal.
 glēdien, gladien, *uv.* cheer, rejoice.
 glēdliche, *av.* gladly.
 God, *sm.* God.
 gōd, *aj., sn.* good.
 godecundnesse, *s.* divinity.
 gōd-dēd, *s.* good deed.
 Godhēd, *s.* divinity.
 gōdien, *uv.* endow.
 †gōdlez, *s.* benefit.
 †gōdnesse, *s.* goodness.
 †god-spell, *gospel, sn.* gospel.
 †godspell-bōc, *s.* gospel-book.
 †godspell-wrihte, *sm.* evangelist.
 gōn, †gangen, *vb.* go.
 gospel, *see* godspell.
 gōst, *s.* ghost, spirit.
 gōstlich, *aj.* spiritual.
 *grāce, *s.* grace.
 gramecund, *aj.* angry.
 gredil, *s.* gridiron.
 *grēf, *s.* trouble.
 †grezpen, *uv.* prepare.
 grēot, *s.* grit, gravel, sand.
 grēt, *aj.* thick, coarse, great. *superl.*
 greatest.
 grēten, *uv.* greet.
 grēten, *uv.* grow large, get fat.
 †greppen, *uv.* bake.
 grim(m), *aj.* fierce, severe.
 grinden, *sv.* grind.
 grin-stōn, *s.* grindstone.
 grislich, *aj.* fearful, ghastly.
 gripfulnesse, *s.* peacefulness.
 grome, *s.* anger.
 gründe, *see* grinden.
 *gūgement, *s.* judgment.
 zung, *aj.* young.
 gūrdel, *s.* girdle.

Habben, *uv.* have.
 †hād, *s.* rank.
 †hazhelike, hazhellis, *av.* quietly.

- halewe, *sm.* saint.
 half, *aj.* half.
 half, *s.* side. 'an öper h.' on the other hand, again.
 †halzhen, *ww.* consecrate, sanctify.
 †hālīgdōm, *s.* holy thing.
 †halp, *see* helpen.
 halt, *see* hōlden.
 ham, *see* heom.
 †hardnen, *ww.* harden.
 †jehāten, *prt. ptc.* called, name
 hattle, *see* hōt.
 have, *see* hebben.
 hē, *prn.* he.
 hebben, *sv.* lift, raise up.
 hef, *see* hebben.
 hēved, *s.* head.
 hēvede, *see* hebben.
 hēved-luve, *s.* chief love.
 hevi, †heffiz, *aj.* heavy, severe.
 hēio, *av.* highly, high.
 hēih, *aj.* high, exalted, august. 'on h.' aloft. *superl.* hēixt, †hēghest.
 hēi-ward, *sm.* heyward, town's herdsman.
 hēld, *see* hōlden.
 hēle, *s.* health, salvation; sanctity.
 hēlen, *ww.* heal.
 helien, *ww.* hide, conceal.
 helle, *s.* hell.
 help, *s.* help.
 helpen, *sv.* help.
 †hem, *see* heom.
 hendi, *aj.* skilful; courteous.
 †hengen, *ww.* hang, suspend.
 henne, *sf.* hen.
 hēo, *prn.* she, they.
 heovene, †heofne, †hefne, *sf.* heaven.
 hēold, *see* hōlden.
 heom, ham, †hem, *prn.* them.
 heorde-mon(n), *sm.* herdsman.
 †heore, hore, †here *prn.* their.
 heort, *s.* hart.
 heorte, *sf.* heart.
 heorteliche, *av.* heartily, cheerfully.
 hēowien, *ww.* colour.
 hēr, *av.* here. 'hēr-bī,' &c., hereby, by this.
 heronen, *ww.* hearken, attend to.
 herd, †hard, *aj.* hard.
 herde, *av.* violently.
 herd-iheorted, *aj. (prt. ptc.)* hard-hearted.
 herdschipe, *sm.* hardship.
 †here, *see* heore.
 hēre, *s.* haircloth.
 i hēren, *ww.* hear.
 here-wōrd, *s.* renown.
 hermien, *ww.* injure.
 hēste, *s.* command.
 †hēt = hē it.
 †hete, *s.* hate.
 hēte, *s.* heat.
 hetel, *aj.* hostile, threatening.
 †hēpeliz, *av.* scornfully.
 hēpen, *aj.* heathen.
 †hiden, *ww.* hide.
 hider-tō, *av.* hitherto.
 hien, *ww.* hie, hasten.
 him, *prn.* him.
 hīrd, *s.* retinue, court.
 hire, *prn.* her.
 his, *prn.* his.
 hit, †it, *prn.* it.
 hoker, *s.* contempt, disdain.
 hōl, *aj.* whole, sound.
 i hōl, *aj.* entire, sound.
 hōld, *s.* restraint.
 hōlden, *sv.* hold, keep; consider.
 hōli, *aj.* holy.
 holpen, *see* helpen.
 hom(m), *s.* ham.
 hōnd, *sf.* hand.
 hōngen, *vō.* hang.
 hope, *s.* hope.
 hopien, *ww.* hope.
 hore, *see* heore.
 hors, *s.* horse.
 hōt, *aj.* hot.
 hū, hwtū, *av.* how.
 hūde, *s.* hide.
 hūnd, *sm.* dog.
 hundred, *num.* hundred.
 hunger, *s.* hunger.
 huntien, *ww.* hunt.
 hūre, *av.* 'h. & h.' at least, any how.
 hūre, huiro, *s.* hire, wages.

hūren, *vv.* hire.

***hūrt**, *sn.* hurt.

***hūrten**, *vv.* hurt.

hūs, *s.* house.

hūse-wif, *s.* mistress of a house, housekeeper.

†**whanne**, *see* **hwon**.

hwar, †**whær**, *av.* where. 'whær se,' wherever.

hware-vore, *av.* wherefore.

hwar-tō, *av.* to what purpose, wherefore.

hwat, *prn., aj., interj.* what, which, lo! 'what se,' whatever. 'for what,' wherefore.

whær, *see* **hwar**.

hwēte, *sm.* wheat.

hwēper, *prn.* which (of two). 'h. se,' whichever of the two.

hwī, *av.* why. 'vor h.' wherefore, why.

whilo, *see* **hwūch**.

†**whilo**, *prn.* each.

hwō, *prn.* who. 'hwō se,' whoever.

hwon(n), †**whanne**, *cj.* when; since. 'whann se,' whenever.

hwū, *see* **hū**.

hwūch, †**whilo**, *prn., aj.* of what sort, of what kind, which.

hwūder, *av.* whither. 'hw. sō,' wherever.

hwūle, *s.* while, time. 'sume hw.' sometimes. 'þeo (þe) hw. þet,' while.

ī, *see* **ioh**.

ī, *see* **in**.

ioh, **ī**, †**io**, *prn.* I.

iohülle = **ich wülle**.

īdel, *aj.* vain, useless. 'on īdel,' in vain.

†**ilk**, *prn.* each.

ilke, *prn.* same.

in, **ī**, *prp., av.* in.

ine, *prp.* in.

inne, *av.* in. *superl.* †**inrest**, innermost.

†**inseglas**, *spl.* seals.

†**in-til**, *prp.* into, to.

in-tō, *prp.* into.

inward, *aj.* inward.

inwardliche, **inwardlike**, **inwardlīc**, *av.* inwardly, sincerely.

iren, *sn.* iron.

iren, *aj.* iron.

is, *see* **bēon**.

†**Jūdisk**, *aj.* Jewish.

jūggen, *vv.* judge.

†**Lāc**, *s.* gift, offering, sacrifice.

†**lāf**, *s.* loaf.

†**lāken**, *uv.* offer sacrifice to.

†**lāng**, *aj.* dependant (on), owing (to).

***large**, *aj.* liberal.

†**lār-spell**, *s.* doctrine.

last, *aj., superl.* 'a last,' finally. 'atte laste,' at last.

†**lāte**, *s.* manner, behaviour.

†**lāten**, *vv.* bear oneself.

latere, *av. comp.* later.

†**latīn**, *aj.* Latin.

lawe, *s.* law.

lēde, *see* **lēode**.

lēden, *s.* language.

lēden, *vv.* lead; *refl.* conduct oneself.

lēve, *s.* leave.

†**lēfe**, *s.* belief, faith.

lēven, *vv.* leave.

lēven, *vv.* believe.

lēfdi, *sf.* lady.

lēggen, *vv.* lay, lay eggs.

†**lēzhen**, *see* **lien**.

lei, *see* **liggen**.

leinten, *s.* spring, Lent.

lēiten, *vv.* flame.

†**lēn**, *s.* reward.

lēne, *aj.* lean.

†**lēnen**, *vv.* entrust with.

†**lēode**, **lēde**, *spl.* people.

lēof, *aj.* dear.

lēof-mon(n), *smf.* sweetheart, beloved (applied only to women).

leornien, *vv.* learn.

leorning-oniht, *sm.* disciple.

lēosen, *sv.* lose.

lēren, *vv.* teach. 'lēred, †lēred,'

- learned; 'wel - ilēred,' well - informed.
- **lescūn*, *sm.* lesson.
- lēsen*, †*lēosēn*, *uv.* loosen, release, redeem. 'l. up,' open.
- lēsse*, *aj. comp.*, *av.* less.
- lēste*, *aj.* lest.
- lēsten*, *uv.* last.
- lēten*, †*lāten*, *uv.* let, permit; think, judge.
- lēper*, *sm.* leather.
- **lettres*, *spl.* letters.
- lēūn*, *s.* lion.
- †*lāwed*, *aj.* lay.
- likien*, *uv.* please.
- †*liones*, *s.* likeness.
- lich*, *aj.* like.
- licome*, *s.* body.
- licomlich*, *aj.* bodily.
- lio-wurpe*, *aj.* acceptable.
- lien*, *sv.* lie, tell untruth.
- lif*, *s.* life. 'lives,' in life, when alive.
- livenep*, *s.* sustenance.
- liggen*, *sv.* lie.
- liht*, *aj.* light, easy.
- lihtliche*, *av.* easily; for a low price.
- lim*, *s.* limb.
- limpen*, *sv.* belong.
- †*listen*, *uv.* listen.
- lip*, *see* *liggen*.
- lipe*, *aj.* gentle.
- lō*, *interj.* lo! behold!
- lōverd*, *sm.* lord.
- loken*, *see* *lūken*.
- lōkien*, *uv.* look; take care.
- lōdlich*, *aj.* hateful. *superl.* *lōd-lūkest*.
- lof*, *s.* praise.
- lofen*, *uv.* praise.
- lōmb*, *s.* lamb.
- lōme*, *s.* tool, instrument.
- lōnd*, *s.* land, country.
- lōng*, *aj.* long.
- lōnge*, *av.* long, for a long time.
- lōre*, *s.* teaching; doctrine.
- lōp*, *aj.* hateful.
- lōuw*, *aj.* low.
- lūken*, *sv.* shut, enclose.
- luve*, *sf.* love.
- luve-glēm*, *s.* love-gleam.
- luveliche*, *av.* lovingly.
- luvien*, *uv.* love.
- luve-wurpe*, *aj.* worthy of love.
- lust*, *s.* desire.
- lūsten*, *uv.* *impers.* please; desire.
- lūt*, *av.*, *aj.*, *sb.* little, few.
- lūtel*, *lūte*, †*lūtel*, *aj.*, *av.*, *sb.* little, few. 'a lūte wiht,' a little, somewhat.
- lūten*, *sv.* bow, bow to.
- lūper*, *aj.* worthless, base, bad, wicked.
- Make**, †*macche*, *s.* mate.
- makien**, *uv.* make; make necessary, cause.
- †*maz*, *see* *mēi*.
- †*maht*, *see* *miht*.
- †*maniz-hwat*, *prn.* many a thing.
- †*man-kin(n)*, *s.* mankind.
- mapelien*, *uv.* talk, babble.
- mapelunge*, *s.* idle talk.
- me*, *prn. indef.* one, they.
- me*, *cj.* but; and.
- mē*, *prn.* me.
- mēde*, *s.* reward.
- mēi*, †*maz*, *swv.* can; may.
- mēiden*, *s.* maid, servant.
- **meister*, *sm.* master, teacher.
- **meistriē*, *s.* mastery, superiority; great deed.
- mele*, *s.* meal.
- men*, *see* *mon*.
- †*mēnen*, *uv.* mean, signify.
- †*mennisolego*, *s.* human nature.
- †*mennisonesse*, *s.* human nature.
- †*mēoo*, *aj.* meek.
- †*mēoolēgo*, *s.* meekness.
- †*mēoolike*, *mēooliz*, *av.* meekly.
- **mercēr*, *sm.* merchant.
- **merci*, *s.* mercy.
- merke*, *s.* mark.
- **messagēr*, *sm.* messenger.
- †*messe*, *s.* mass.
- †*messe-bōc*, *s.* mass-book.
- mēst*, *aj.*, *av.* most.
- **mester*, *s.* office.
- **mesūre*, *s.* measure, moderation.
- mete*, *s.* food, meals.
- †*mēten*, *uv.* paint, depict.

mid, *prp.* with.
 mide, *av.* with.
 miht, *vb.*, *see* mei.
 miht, †maht, *s.* might.
 mihti, *aj.* mighty.
 milce, *s.* pity, mercy.
 milcen, *vv.* pity, have mercy.
 milde, *aj.* mild, gentle.
 mild-heortnesse, *s.* gentleness, mercy.
 †mild-hertleze, *s.* mercy.
 mīn, *prn.* my, mine.
 †minstre, *s.* temple.
 †minstre-dure, *s.* temple-door.
 *mirācle, *s.* miracle.
 mis-dēde, *s.* injury.
 mis-dōn, *sv.* injure.
 mis-lēven, *vv.* disbelieve.
 mislich, *aj.* various.
 mis-sawe, *s.* slander.
 missen, *vv.* miss, lose.
 mis-siggen, *vv.* slander.
 mit, *see* mid.
 mō, *aj.*, *sb.* more *plural*.
 mōder, *sf.* mother.
 †mōdizleze, *s.* pride.
 †mōdizlike, mōdilliz, *av.* proudly.
 †mōdiznesse, *s.* pride.
 mon(n), *sm.* man, person.
 mōne, *s.* complaint.
 mōng, *sn.* mingling.
 monglunge, *s.* mingling.
 moni, *aj.* many, many a one.
 moni-vōld, *aj.* manifold.
 monivōlden, *vv.* multiply.
 mōre, *aj.*, *av.* more *sg.* 'na m.' no more *av.*
 mōt, *svv.* may, must.
 mōwe, *sf.* kinswoman.
 mūchel, mūche, mūch, †mikel, *aj.*, *av.*, *sb.* great, much, very.
 mūhte, *see* mei.
 mūlne, *sf.* mill.
 mūd, *protection*.
 mūnegunge, *s.* commemoration, remembrance.
 muronen, *vv.* murmur.
 mūri, *aj.* merry, cheerful.
 mūp, *sm.* mouth.
 muwe, *see* mei.

Nabben = ne habben.
 navep = ne havep.
 †nazlen, *vv.* nail.
 nam = ne am.
 ne, *av.*, *cj.* not; nor.
 neb(b), *s.* face.
 nēddre, *s.* serpent.
 nēde, *av.* needs.
 nēden, *vv.* compel, drive.
 nēih, †nēh, *aj.*, *av.* near, nearly.
cp. nēorre. *superl.* †nēst.
 nēil, *s.* nail.
 nēlde, *s.* needle; pin.
 nemnen, *vv.* name.
 nēnne, *see* nōn.
 *neoces, *spl.* wedding.
 nēod, *s.* need.
 nēodful, *aj.* zealous.
 nēorre, *see* nēih.
 nēre = ne wēre.
 nēruh, *aj.* narrow.
 nēs = ne wēs.
 †nesshe, *aj.* soft.
 †nesshen, *vv.* soften.
 nēst, *see* nēih.
 nēvere, nēver, *av.* never.
 †nizhen, *num.* nine.
 niht, *s.* night.
 nimen, *sv.* take.
 nīp, *s.* malice, hatred.
 nīpful, *aj.* malicious.
 nō, *see* nōn.
 *nōble, *aj.* noble.
 noht, *see* nōut.
 *noise, *s.* noise.
 nolde = ne wolde.
 nome, *s.* name.
 nomeliche, *av.* namely.
 nōn, nō, *prn.* none, no; no one.
 nō-pe-lēs, *av.* nevertheless.
 nōu-hware, †nowwhar, *av.* nowhere.
 nōut, †noht, *av.* not.
 nōuper, *av.* neither.
 nūle = ne wūle.
 i numen, *see* nimen.

Ō, *see* ōn.

ō, *see* on.

of, *prp.* from, of; about, concerning.

of-drawen, *sv.* attract.
 of-drēd, *prt. ptc.* afraid.
 over, *prp.* over, above. 'o. al,'
 everywhere.
 over-cumen, *sv.* overcome; surpass.
 over-gōn, *sv.* pass away, pass over;
 surpass.
 over-ūrn, *s.* course, speed.
 over-weien, *vb.* outweigh.
 †ofer-wero, *s.* overwork.
 of-gōn, *sv.* seek; win.
 †offren, *vv.* offer, sacrifice.
 ofte, *av.* often.
 ofte-sīpe(n), *av.* often.
 of-pūnchen, *vv.* repent.
 ōld, *aj.* old.
 ōluhnen, *vv.* flatter.
 on, *ō, an, †onne (av.), prp.* on;
 in; against.
 ōn, *aj., sb.* one; an, a. 'an ōn,' forth-
 with. 'ōne,' alone.
 ōne, *av.* only.
 on-fōn, *av.* take, receive, suffer.
 on-swerien, *vv.* answer.
 on-tēnden, *vv.* kindle.
 ontful, *aj.* envious.
 on-ward, *prp.* towards.
 ōn-wil(1), *aj.* obstinate.
 open, *aj.* open.
 openien, *vv.* open.
 openliche, *av.* openly.
 ōre, *s.* grace, mercy.
 *ordre, *s.* religious order.
 ōper, *aj., prn.* second; other.
 ōper, *av., cj.* or. 'ōper . . ōper,'
 either . . or.
 ōper-hwūles, *av.* at other times,
 sometimes.
 ōu, *prn.* you.
 ōuh, *see* ōwen.
 ōut, *prn.* anything.
 ōwen, *aj.* own.
 ōwen, *svv.* owe; ought, have to.
 ōwer, *prn.* your.
 oxe, *s.* ox.

*Paien, *vv.* pay.
 *parais, *s.* paradise.
 *parlūr, *s.* parlour.
 *parten, *vv.* part, depart.

*passen, *vv.* pass; surpass.
 *passiūn, *s.* suffering, passion.
 *patriark, *sm.* patriarch.
 *peintunge, *s.* painting.
 *pellicān, *sn.* pelican.
 *peoddare, *sm.* pedlar.
 *person, *s.* person.
 pine, *s.* pain, torment.
 pinen, *vv.* torment, mortify.
 pinunge, *s.* pain, tormenting.
 pleien, *vv.* play.
 *pōvre, *aj.* poor.
 ponewes, *spl.* pence, money.
 †postel, *sm.* apostle.
 *prēchen, *vv.* preach.
 *preisen, *vv.* praise.
 *prēoven, *vv.* prove.
 prēost, *sm.* priest.
 †primsezenen, *vv.* make a cate-
 chumen.
 *pris, *s.* price; praise, estimation.
 *prophēte, *sm.* prophet.
 psalm-wūrhte, *sm.* (psalm-wright),
 psalmist.
 puff(f), *s.* puff.
 puffen, *vv.* puff, blow.
 pūnden, *vv.* shut up, impound.
 *purgatōrie, *s.* purgatory.
 †Ran, *see* ūrnen.
 †rās, *see* risen.
 rāp, *see* rēd.
 raper, *av. comp.* quicker, more
 readily.
 *raunsūn, *s.* ransom.
 †rēole-fat, *s.* censer.
 †rēoles, *s.* incense.
 †rēoles-amēo, *s.* incense-smoke.
 rēd, †rāp, *s.* advice, counsel.
 rēd, *aj.* red.
 rēden, *vv.* advise.
 rēden, †rēden, *vv.* read.
 rēvien, *vv.* bereave, rob.
 †rezhel-bōo, *s.* rule-book, book of
 canons.
 *reisūn, *s.* reason.
 *religiūn, *s.* religion.
 *religiūs, *aj., sb.* religious; member
 of religious order, monk, nun.
 *remedie, *s.* remedy.

rīche, *s.* kingdom.
 rīche, *aj.* rich.
 riht, *aj., av.* right; rightly, correctly; just, quite.
 riht, *s.* right, justice.
 †riht-bizeten, *aj. (prt. ptc.)* rightly acquired.
 rihtwisnesse, *sf.* righteousness.
 rīm, *s.* number; metre.
 †rīsen, *sv.* rise.
 *rīwle, *s.* rule, direction.
 rōd, *sf.* cross.
 rōde-trēo, *s.* cross.
 irōted, *aj. (prt. ptc.)* rooted.
 rūh, *aj.* rough.
 rūne, *s.* running, flow.
 rūwe, *see* rūh.

Sake, *s.* dispute; guilt.
 sakelēs, saklēa, *aj.* innocent.
 *sacrament, *s.* sacrament.
 †sah, *see* sēon.
 †saht, *aj.* at peace, reconciled.
 *salve, *s.* remedy.
 salt, *s.* salt.
 *salūz, *s.* salvation.
 †samen, *av.* together.
 †samnen, *uv.* gather, collect.
 †sam-tale, *aj.* agreed.
 †skēt, *aj., av.* quick, soon.
 †skil, *s.* understanding, discernment.
 schal, *uv.* shall.
 schelchīne, *sf.* slave.
 schēld, *sn.* shield.
 schendful, *aj.* ignominious.
 schēne, *aj.* beautiful.
 scheomeful, *aj.* shameful.
 scheortliche, *av.* briefly.
 schēp, *s.* sheep.
 schērp, *aj.* sharp.
 schēwen, *uv.* show.
 sohilden, *uv.* shield, defend.
 sohīr, *aj.* clear, pure.
 sohīren, *uv.* clear, purify.
 sohīrnesse, *s.* clearness, purity.
 sohriven, *sv.* confess.
 sohrift, *s.* confession.
 sohrūden, *uv.* clothe.
 sohule, schulde, *see* schal.
 †scornoen, *uv.* scorch.

†screnken, *uv.* supplant.
 se, *see* swō.
 sē, seea, *s.* sea.
 sēchen, †sēken, *uv.* seek.
 seggen, *see* siggēn.
 sēiht, *s.* peace.
 sēihtnesse, *s.* peace.
 *seint, *sein, *aj.* saint.
 seld-cēne, *aj.* seldom seen, rare.
 seldē, *av.* seldom.
 seld-spēche, *s.* taciturnity.
 sēluhpe, *s.* happiness.
 *semblaunt, *s.* appearance.
 sēmen, *uv.* seem.
 sēnden, *uv.* send.
 †seofen, †sefen, seove, *num.* seven.
 seovepe, †sefende, *aj.* seventh.
 seove-vōld, †sefenfald, *aj.* seven-fold.
 seolver, *s.* silver.
 isēon, †sēon, †sēn, *sv.* see.
 *serven, *uv.* serve.
 *servise, *s.* service.
 †serzhen, *uv.* sorrow.
 sēt, sēten, *see* sitten.
 setten, *uv.* set, put; appoint; compose.
 †sextiz, *num.* sixty.
 †shēd, *s.* discernment.
 †shēden, *sv.* separate.
 †shēf, *s.* sheaf.
 †shaft, *s.* creature, thing.
 †shapen, *sv.* create, form.
 †shōp, *see* shapen.
 sik, *aj.* sick, ill.
 *sikel, *s.* shekel.
 siker, *aj.* secure.
 sikerliche, *av.* surely.
 side, *s.* side.
 siggēn, †seggen, *uv.* say, speak, recite.
 *silence, *s.* silence.
 †sinden, *vb.* are.
 singen, *sv.* sing.
 *singnes, *spl.* signs.
 sitten, *sv.* sit.
 sīp, *s.* time.
 sippen, *av.* afterwards, since.
 slēn, *sv.* slay, kill.

- sliddri, *aj.* slippery.
 sliden, *sv.* slide.
 slit, *see* sliden.
 †slōp, *s.* track.
 slōuh, *see* alēn.
 †smac, *s.* taste.
 smēc, *s.* smoke.
 †smeren, *vv.* besmear.
 smēpe, *aj.* smooth.
 smiten, *sv.* smite.
 smip, *sm.* smith, carpenter.
 †snāp, *see* snīpen.
 snīpen, *sv.* kill.
 sō, *se*, †swā, *av.* so, *as.* 'swā
 sum, *as.*
 softe, *aj.* gentle, soft.
 somed, *av.* together.
 sōnd, *s.* a thing sent, message;
 messenger.
 sōndes-mon(n), *sm.* messenger,
 ambassador.
 sōne, *av.* forthwith; quickly, soon.
 sōpe, *s.* soap.
 sōr, *s.* pain.
 sōri, *aj.* sorry.
 sot, *aj.* foolish.
 sōp, *aj., sb.* true; truth. 'for sōpe,'
 for a certainty. 'tō fulle sōp,' in
 full truth.
 †sōpfast, *aj.* true.
 sōule, †sāwle, *s.* soul.
 spade, *s.* spade.
 spēc, *see* speken.
 speken, *sv.* speak.
 †spāken, *see* speken.
 spēche, †spāche, *s.* speech; lan-
 guage.
 spēden, *vv.* succeed.
 spel(1), *s.* story.
 spellen, *vv.* stand for, represent.
 spellen, *vv.* tell, proclaim, preach.
 spēowen, *sv.* vomit.
 sperren, *vv.* shut, close.
 spēten, *vv.* spit.
 *spice, *s.* spice.
 sprēden, *vv.* spread.
 *spūse, *s.* spouse, bride.
 †stāh, *see* stīen.
 stalewardliche, *av.* resolutely.
 †staro, *aj.* stiff, firm, severe.
 stede, *see* stūde.
 †stedefast, *aj.* steadfast.
 stefne, *sf.* voice.
 stēnen, *vv.* stone.
 stēoren, *vv.* steer, direct.
 stī, *s.* sty.
 stīen, †stīghen, *sv.* ascend; de-
 scend.
 stille, *aj.* still, quiet, silent.
 stinken, *sv.* stink.
 †stinch, *s.* stench.
 stingen, *sv.* sting.
 stī-ward, *sm.* steward.
 stok, *s.* place.
 stōn, *s.* stone.
 stōnden, †standen, *sv.* stand, sub-
 sist, be. 'standen in,' persevere,
 continue.
 stoppen, *vv.* stop.
 strecohen, *vv.* stretch.
 †strenken, *vv.* sprinkle.
 †strenoles, *s.* sprinkling.
 strenope, *s.* strength, force, violence;
 compulsion.
 strenopen, *vv.* strengthen.
 strēonen, *vv.* beget.
 *striven, *sv.* strive, vie.
 *strōf, *see* striven.
 strōng, *aj.* strong.
 stūde, †stede, *s.* place.
 stūnde, *sf.* time.
 *sukurs, *s.* help.
 sūlien, *vv.* soil, defile.
 sūlf, †self, *prn.* self.
 sūllen, *vv.* sell.
 suluh, *s.* plough.
 sum, *prn., av.* some, some one, a
 certain one, many a (one).
 †sum, *av.* as.
 sum-hwat, *prn.* somewhat, some-
 thing.
 sune, *sm.* son.
 sūnegen, *vv.* sin.
 sūnful, *aj.* sinful.
 sunne, *s.* sun.
 sūnne, *s.* sin.
 sūster, *sf.* sister.
 †swāt, *s.* sweat.
 †swā-pehh, *av.* however.
 swēmen, *vv.* grieve, vex.

swenge, *s.* stroke, blow.
 sweord, *s.* sword.
 swēore, *s.* neck.
 swerien, *sv.* swear.
 swēte, *aj.* sweet.
 swēteliche, †swētlīke, *av.* sweetly,
 graciously.
 swēten, *uv.* sweeten.
 swiftschipe, *s.* swiftness.
 swilo, *see* swūoh.
 swīn, *s.* hog, swine.
 swinc, *s.* labour, toil.
 swīp-wike, *s.* holy week (?).
 swōte, *aj.* sweet.
 swōte-iheorted, *aj.* (*prt. ptc.*)
 sweet-hearted.
 swōtnesse, *s.* sweetness.
 swūch, †swilc, *prn.* such, such a one.
 swūpe, *av.* strongly, very.

†Taken, *sv.* take, receive, suffer.
 †tānen, *uv.* signify.
 †tahte, *see* tēchen.
 tale, *s.* talk.
 tat, *see* pēt.
 te, *see* tō.
 te, *see* pe.
 tēchen, *uv.* teach.
 tēke(n), *av.* besides, moreover.
 tēlen, *uv.* blame.
 tellen, *uv.* tell, account, estimate.
 *temptaciūn, *s.* temptation.
 teōnen, *uv.* vex.
 teonne, *see* peonne.
 *testament, *s.* testament.
 tet, *see* pēt.
 †til, *prp.* to, till.
 tilien, *uv.* till.
 tilpe, *s.* cultivation.
 timbrien, *uv.* build, prepare, make.
 timbrunge, *s.* building.
 tīme, *s.* time.
 tisse, *see* pis.
 tīpinge, †tīpende, *s.* tidings.
 tō, te, *prp.*, *av.* to.
 tō, *av.* too.
 tō-blōwen, *sv.* blow away.
 tō-bollen, *aj.* (*prt. ptc.*) displeased.
 tō-breken, *sv.* break.
 tōc, *see* taken.

tō-drawn, *sv.* tear apart.
 tō-vlēoten, *sv.* flow away.
 tō-gēderes, *av.* together.
 tō-geines, *av.* towards.
 tōlde, *see* tellen.
 †tō-skegren, *uv.* scatter.
 tō-treden, *sv.* trample.
 tō-twēmen, *uv.* separate.
 tōu-ward, *prp.* towards, to.
 treden, *sv.* tread.
 trēo, trēou, *sn.* tree; wood, piece
 of wood.
 trēowe, *aj.* faithful.
 *tresor, *s.* treasury.
 †trowpe, *s.* faith.
 †trowwen, *uv.* believe.
 trūkien, *uv.* fail.
 trūsti, *aj.* trusting.
 tu, *see* pū.
 tūkien, *uv.*
 tūn, *s.* farm.
 tūnen, *uv.* shut, close.
 tūnge, *s.* tongue.
 *turn, *s.* trick.
 *turnement, *s.* tournament.
 tūrnen, *uv.* turn.
 turtle, *s.* turtle-dove.
 tūtel, *s.* mouth.
 †twezzzen, *see* twō.
 twie(s), twizges, *av.* twice.
 twinne, *aj.*, *num.* double, two.
 twinnen, *uv.* divide, separate.
 twinnunge, *s.* separation.
 twō, *num.* two.

pauh, †poh, †peh, *av.*, *cj.* though,
 although, however. 'as pauh, as
 if. 'poh pat,' though. 'poh swā
 peh,' nevertheless.
 pe (*prn.*), *def. art.* the. 'vor pi,'
 therefore. 'pes te better,' all the
 better.
 pē, pe, *prn. rel.* who. 'pē pēt,' he
 who.
 pe, *av.* with compar. the.
 pē, *prn.* thee.
 †pez, †pezm, †pegre, *see* hō.
 pen, *see* pe (*art.*).
 pen, pene, *av.* than.
 penchen, *uv.* think, consider.

- peo, *see* *pe* (*art.*), *pe* (*prn. rel.*).
 pēo, *see* *pō*.
 pēode, *pēd*, *s.* people.
 peonne, *av.* then; when.
 peorf, *aj.* unleavened.
 pēos, *see* *pis*.
 pēoten, *sv.* howl.
 †peow, *sm.* servant.
 †peowten, *uv.* serve.
 pēr, pēre, *av., cj.* there; where.
 ‘pēr ase,’ where.
 †perfling, *aj.* unleavened.
 pes, *see* *se* (*art.*).
 pēt, *prn., art., cj.* that, the; who,
 which, what; because. ‘mid tēt
 pēt,’ when.
 †pepen, *av.* thence.
 pēw, *s.* behaviour, custom; ‘gōde
 pēwes,’ virtues.
 pī, *see* *pīn*.
 pider-ward, *av.* thither.
 †pīld, *s.* patience.
 †pīldelīz, *av.* patiently.
 pīn, pī, *prn.* thine.
 pīng, *s.* thing. ‘vor nōne pīnge,’ on
 no account.
 pis, *prn.* this.
 pō, pēo, *av., cj.* then, when.
 poht, *see* *pouht*.
 pole-mōd, *aj.* patient.
 polien, *uv.* suffer, endure.
 ponkien, *uv.* thank.
 pouht, †poht, *s.* thought, remem-
 brance.
 pouhte, †pohte, *see* *penchen*.
 prēo, *num.* three.
 †presshen, *sv.* thresh.
 pridde, *aj.* third.
 †prinne, *aj., num.* threefold, three.
 †prist, *s.* thirst.
 †prosshen, *see* *presshen*.
 pū, *prn.* thou.
 puhte, *see* *pūnchen*.
 pūnchen, *uv.* seem.
 purh, *prp.* through; by (*of agent*).
 purh-lōken, *uv.* look through,
 examine.
 †purh-sōken, *uv.* seek through,
 examine.
 pūrl, *s.* hole; window.
 pūrlen, *uv.* pierce.
 pūrlunge, *s.* piercing.
 pus, *av.* thus.
 pūsund, †pūsende, *s.* thousand.
 pwert-over, *av.* across.
 pwert-ūt, pweortūt, *av.* entirely.
 Ūvel, †ifel, *aj., s.* evil, bad; disease.
 †umbe, umben, *prp., av.* about,
 concerning. ‘bēn umben,’ be oc-
 cupied with.
 †umbe-penken, *uv.* consider.
 ūmbri-dawes, *spl.* Ember days.
 †un-bermed, *aj. (prt. ptc.)* un-
 leavened.
 †unc, †unker, *prn.* us two, of us
 two.
 un-clēne, *aj.* unclean.
 un-clēnnesse, *s.* uncleanness.
 un-cwēme, *aj.* unacceptable.
 under, *prp.* under.
 under-vōn, †underfangen, *sv.*
 accept, receive.
 under-prēost, *sm.* under-priest.
 under-stōnden, *sv.* understand.
 under-tīd, *s.* morning-time; time
 of the morning service (about 9
 A.M.).
 un-dēplich, *aj.* immortal.
 un-ēndeliche, *av.* infinitely.
 *ūnicorne, *s.* unicorn.
 un-imēte, *av.* immeasurably.
 un-imētelihe, *av.* immeasurably.
 un-isēle, *aj.* unhappy.
 un-mēpschipe, *s.* want of modera-
 tion.
 †un-nit(t), *aj.* useless. ‘on u.’
 uselessly, to no purpose.
 un-pīned, *aj. (prt. ptc.)* unpunished,
 uninjured.
 un-rechelēs, *aj.* heedless, indif-
 ferent.
 †un-seolpe, unselpe, *s.* unhappi-
 ness.
 †un-skapeful, *aj.* innocent.
 †un-shapīznesse, *s.* innocence.
 *un-stāble, *aj.* unstable.
 un-til, *prp., av.* unto, until.
 un-pēu, *s.* vice, fault.
 un-ponkes, *av.* involuntarily.

un-wis, *aj.* unwise.
 un-wrēst, *aj.* base, worthless,
 wicked.
 un-wrēsteliche, *av.* wickedly.
 up, *av.* up.
 up-on, upo, uppen, uppe, †up-
 pon, uppo, *prn.*, *av.* upon, on,
 in, above.
 up-riht, *aj.*, *av.* upright.
 up-ward, upwardes, *av.* upwards.
 ūre, *prn.* our.
 *ūres, *spl.* hours, times for prayer.
 ūrnen, †ēornen, *sv.* run.
 us, *prn.* us.
 ūt, *av.* out. *comp.* 'uttre,' outer.
 ūt-cūme, *s.* coming out, exit.
 ūt-ward, *av.* outwards.

V, *see under f.*

Waden, *sv.* wade.
 †wāghe-rift, *s.* wall-cloth, curtain.
 †wāh, †wāghe, *s.* wall.
 wal(1), *s.* wall.
 †wāld, *s.* power.
 wallen, *sv.* boil.
 iwar(r), *aj.* cautious.
 ward, *s.* guard.
 ware, *s.* wares.
 warien, *uv.* curse.
 wari-trēo, *s.* gallows.
 warp, *see* wurpen.
 was, *see* bēon.
 †wasshen, *sv.* wash.
 water, *s.* water.
 †water-kin(n), *s.* nature of water.
 waxen, *sv.* grow, increase.
 †weoche, *s.* watching.
 wed(d), *s.* pledge, security.
 iwedded, *aj.* (*prt. ptc.*) wedded.
 wei, *sm.* way. 'pisses weis,' in this
 way. 'summes weis,' to some ex-
 tent. 'nōne(s) weis,' in no way.
 wēle, *s.* balance.
 wel, †wēl, *av.* well; indeed, in
 truth.
 wēlden, *uv.* possess; win.
 wel-isset(t), *aj.* (*prt. ptc.*) well-
 arranged, suitable.
 wē-mōd, *av.* peevish.

wēnden, *uv.* turn, go; change;
 translate.
 wēne, *s.* distress.
 wēnen, *uv.* think, expect.
 weole, *s.* prosperity, wealth.
 wēop-mon(n), *sm.* male, man.
 weore, *see* wer.
 weoreld, *see* world.
 †weoreldshipe, *s.* worldliness.
 *weorre, *s.* war.
 *weorrien, *uv.* make war; harass
 with war.
 wer, *sm.* man.
 wero, *s.* action, work.
 wēre, *see* bēon.
 werien, *uv.* defend, guard.
 wærien, *uv.* wear (clothes).
 wērp, werpen, *see* worpen.
 †wesh, *see* wasshen.
 †weste, *s.* wilderness.
 †weste, *aj.* desert.
 wēte, *s.* moisture.
 wh-, *see* hw-.
 wike, *s.* week.
 †wiken, *s.* office, charge.
 wif, *s.* woman.
 wiht, *s.* being, thing. 'a lūte wiht,'
 av. a little.
 wilde, *aj.* wild.
 wilen, *see* wūllen.
 wilkume, welcome.
 wille, *s.* will.
 willeliche, *av.* voluntarily.
 willes, *av.* voluntarily.
 wilnien, *uv.* desire.
 wilt, *see* wūllen.
 win, *s.* wine.
 wind, *s.* wind.
 windwen, *uv.* winnow.
 winnen, *sv.* win, gain.
 (i)wis(s), *aj.*, *av.* certain, certainly.
 wis, *aj.* wise.
 wis-iwōrdded, *aj.* (*prt. ptc.*) wise of
 words.
 wise, *s.* way, manner.
 †wislike, *av.* certainly.
 †wit, *prn.* we two.
 wit(t), *s.* wit, sense.
 (i)witen, *uv.* know, learn, enquire;
 guard, take charge of; beware of.

witnesse, *s.* witness.
 witnien, *uv.* bear witness, testify.
 witterliche, †witerlike, *av.* truly, verily.
 witunge, *s.* guarding.
 wip, *prp.* against.
 wip-hōlden, *sv.* withhold.
 wip-inne(n), *prp.*, *av.* within.
 †wipren, *uv.* resist.
 wip-ūte(n), *prp.*, *av.*, *cj.* outside; without; except.
 wlätien, *uv.* feel nausea, loathe.
 wlēch, *aj.* lukewarm.
 wlite, *s.* beauty.
 wō, *sn.* woe.
 wōc, *aj.* weak.
 wōcnesse, *s.* weakness.
 wōd, *aj.* mad, raging.
 wōdnes-dei, *s.* Wednesday.
 wōdschipe, *s.* madness.
 wōh, *see* wōuh.
 wolde, *see* wüllen.
 wōmbe, *s.* stomach; womb.
 wone, *s.* want.
 wonten, *uv.* be wanting.
 wōrd, *s.* word.
 wōrien, *uv.* disturb.
 world, †weoreld, *sm.* world.
 worldlich, †weoreldlic, *aj.* worldly.
 worpen, †werpen, *sv.* throw.
 wōt, *see* witen.
 wōuh, †wōh, *aj.*, *sb.* perverse, wrong; perversity.
 wōuhlecchunge, *s.* courtship.
 wōware, *sm.* wooer.
 wōwen, *uv.* woo.
 wrastlen, *uv.* wrestle.

wrappe, *see* wrēppe.
 wrecche, *sm.* wretch.
 wrecche, *aj.* wretched.
 wrēche, *s.* vengeance, punishment.
 wrēih, *see* wrien.
 wrēpful, *aj.* wrathful.
 wrēppe, †wrappe, *s.* wrath, anger.
 wrien, *sv.* cover, hide.
 †wrihte, *s.* desert, merit.
 write, *s.* writing, Scripture.
 wrieten, *sv.* write, transcribe.
 writunge, *s.* writing.
 wrōp, *aj.* angry.
 wrouhte, *see* wūrchen.
 wude, *s.* wood; fuel.
 wūle, *see* wüllen.
 wulf, *sm.* wolf.
 wūlvene, *s.* she-wolf.
 wüllen, †wilen, *vb.* will, desire.
 wūmmon, *smf.* woman.
 wūnde, *s.* wound.
 wūnden, *uv.* wound.
 wunder, *s.* wonder. 'tō wundre,' cruelly, disastrously.
 wunien, *uv.* dwell; be accustomed. 'iwuned,' accustomed.
 wūnne, *s.* joy.
 wunnunge, *s.* habitation.
 wūrchen, *uv.* work, do.
 wurpe, *see* worpen.
 wurp, *aj.*, *s.* worth.
 iwurpen, wurpen, *sv.* become, happen. 'lēt hine iwurpen,' let him do as he likes.
 †wurplike, *av.* worthily, reverently.
 wurpschipe, *s.* worship, honour.
 wūste, wūtep, *see* witen.

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